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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

I. EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Community Missions ..... Carrie Smart, Henry River
Stewardship ..... Safronia Beach, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Mission Study ..... Mrs. Arthur Whisnant, Icard

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Church	Pastor	Address
Abee's Chapel	Jason Stillwell	Rt. 4, Hickory
Berea	William N. Reese	Gen. Del. Morganton
Bethany	J. David Goodwin	Box 439, Hildebran
Beulah	Gordon Schrum	Rt. 5, Lincolnton
Carswell Memorial	B. B. Brooks	Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Connelly Springs	Lamont Mayes	Connelly Springs
Corinth	Ottis Mull	Rt. 3, Vale
Henry River	Fred Hicks	Hildebran
Icard	A. V. Ledford	Icard
Mt. Gilead	B. B. Brooks	Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron	S. M. Stroupe	Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon	C. B. Bobbitt	Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion	Roy Walker	Box 393, Cherryville
Mulls Chapel	J. E. Hoffman	Rt. 2, Vale
Oak Ridge	Ralph Berry	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove	W. L. Blanton	Belwood
Pisgah	Seth Ivester	St. Rt., Lawndale
Pleasant Grove	D. E. Newton	Rt. 2, Lawndale
St. John's	Dewey Newton	Rt. 2, Lawndale
St. Paul	Buren Hasting	Casar
Shoup's Grove	Ernest Bustle	Jonas Ridge
Smart's Grove	Johnnie Smart	Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
South Fork	J. Astor Buchanan	Spruce Pine
Walker's Chapel	W. L. Blanton	Casar
Wilkie's Grove	W. H. Flowers	Rt. 1, Valdese
Zion Hill	J. E. Hoffman	Rt. 2, Vale
Zoar	Johnnie Spake	Rt. 1, Casar
Hildebran View	Gilbert Buchanan	Gen. Del., Morganton

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

John Abee	R. 1, Connelly Springs
J. L. Bragg	Hildebran
Ottis Cook	R. 1, Casar
G. T. Greenway	Icard
Julius Hildebran	Hickory, Rt. 4
M. A. Huffman	Icard
Harry S. Parker	Hildebran
Osco Parker	Hildebran
Chissie Smart	R. 1, Connelly Springs
Sanford Stamey	R. 1, Calander
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Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association".
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed, and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication ot each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committed to an Executive Booard of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.
(b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.
(c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Board.
(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.
(e) Two successive absences from the regular meetings of this Board without satisfactory explanation on the part of any member shall automatically render his place on the Board vacant.
(f) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.
(g) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Business.
13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER

1. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by the permission of the Association.
2. No subject which has been decided by the Association shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move reconsideration.
3. Churches that make application for membership in the Association shall be received under the watchcare for one year, then, if they prove to be sound in faith and cooperative in our denominational work, shall be received into full fellowship.
4. All questions be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

CHURCHES AND THEIR MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Nellie Lowman, Mrs. Sadie Carter, Mrs. Velvie Hildebran, P. M. Deal, Mrs. Pearl Lowman.

BEREA—E. D. Berry, Jim Tomlison, Mrs. Garland Bryant.

BETHANY—Mrs. D. A. Johnson, Mrs. Jeff Temple, J. P. Sweet, Howard Abernathy, J. R. Huffman, Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, J. Perry Abernathy.

BEULAH—Gladys Hull, Nellie Rudisill, Everette Sain, Ollen Benfield.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—Elbert Carswell, Mrs. Conley R. Poteet, Newlon Carswell.

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Mrs. Blanche Icard, Mrs. Rex Smith, Miss Edna Lail, Clyde Arnold, Walter Berry, Mrs. F. M. Smith.

CORINTH—Carmie Wortman, Dewitt Hoyle, C. S. Botts, Frank Newton, Hugh Canipe.

HENRY RIVER—Mrs. Carrie Smart, Mrs. L. R. Berry, Miss Iris Kanupp.

ICARD—G. T. Greenway, S. A. Carswell, Ed F. Swann, P. A. Berry, Clarence Berry, Garvine Franklin, Glen Dameron.

MT. GILEAD—Mrs. Bill Parker, Roscoe Smith, Dessie Smith, Bessie Chapman.

MT. HEBRON—Mrs. Nellie Brittain, Richard Bradshaw, Mrs. Ben Hildebran, Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Mrs. S. M. Stroupe.

MOUNT VERNON—D. M. Tallent, J. A. Houser, Lucille Upton, Mrs. C. B. Bobbitt, Mrs. J. A. Houser, Mrs. J. F. Leatherman, Mrs. D. C. Upton.

MT. ZION—C. B. Lindsay, Sam Proctor, R. C. Short, J. R. Price, Boyd Davis.

MULL'S CHAPEL—A. L. Rhoney, H. D. Rhoney, Clyde McClurd, Mrs. Correll Rhoney.

OAK RIDGE—Guy Smith, William Craycraft, Mrs. J. L. Beach, Mrs. Lenas Carpenter, Mrs. Dewey Duckworth.

OLIVE GROVE—A. T. Spake, Hazel Lindsay, Forest Davis, Gus Cook, Grier Sciam.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. M. Walker, Mrs. J. M. Walker, Charlie A. Martin, Mrs. Charlie A. Martin.

PISGAH—N. W. Pruett, Lee Bumgardner, R. C. Nanney, Mrs. R. C. Nanney.

ST. JOHN'S—Hughes Huffman, Mrs. Hughes Huffman, Sam Huffman, Mrs. Sam Huffman.

ST. PAUL—Claude Cooke, Marion Benfield, C. H. Crotts, R. C. White, Glen Meade, Carlos Rich, Hubert Cooke, Roy Hasting.

SHOUP'S GROVE—Mrs. Hattie Lail, Mrs. Jessie Hildebran, Mrs. Lizzie Evans, Mrs. James Powell, Clifford Wilson.

SMART'S GROVE—Willie Lail, Bell Lail, Brintie Abee.

SOUTH FORK—Mrs. Allen Stafford, Mrs. Lela Burns, D. D. Propst, Mrs. J. J. Hudson.

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Milse Huffman, Filo Huffman, Miles Carswell, Miles Huffman, Junan Keller.

WILKIE'S GROVE—Everette Wright, Charlie Young, Edna Young, Carless Young, W. A. Burns.

ZION HILL—Fred Sain, Mrs. Fred Sain, Marshal Buff, McKinley Baker, Mrs. McKinley Baker.

ZOAR—Buck Chapman, Mattie Lee Costner, Ottie Whitworth.

HILDEBRAN VIEW—Richard Franklin, Walter Hudson, Mrs. Sallie Reep.

PROCEEDINGS

41st Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association October 18, 1951

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by Moderator S. M. Stroupe, in the Auditorium of the Icard Baptist Church.

2. Lamont Mayes led in singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", and then brought a devotional message reading from John.

3. J. David Goodwin, Chairman of the Program Committee, presented a tentative program which was adopted as the order of business for the Association.

4. The Moderator asked for a roll call of churches. There were 26 churches represented and the following visitors: C. R. Upton, Pastor, South Fork Association; G. S. Whisnant, Maiden; Ed Powell, Gastonia; Morris Baker, Pastor, Boger City; Clifton Cooper, Pastor, Catawba River Association; Gorden Crump, Pastor, Caldwell Association; T. G. Downs, Mrs. W. K. Cline, Mrs. J. C. Willis, and Mrs. W. C. Coffey all from South Fork Association.

5. Moderator S. M. Stroupe read the report on the work of the Executive Board which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the South Mountain Baptist Association has been very active during the past year. This Committee has met in regular session four times with a majority of members present at each meeting. Since a detailed report of the proceedings at all four meetings would be too long to read or print in the Minutes of the Association, a few of the most important decisions of this committee are listed below:

(1) After careful and prayerful deliberation it was decided not to employ an Associational Missionary at this time.

(2) Committee voted to ask the churches to increase the amount of money sent for the expenses of the Association, as there was not enough came in last year to pay expenses.

(3) Committee voted to resume the pastors conference.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe, Moderator
Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Clerk

6. The report on Denominational Literature was read by Guy Smith and spoke to by him, and adopted as follows:

BAPTIST LITERATURE

In this critical age we certainly should be concerned about the literature we read. The Bible is the book of books which every one should give more study. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Our Baptist Sunday School Board publishes literature that can be used from our Cradle Roll up. We, as Baptist certainly, should use it. We have other good literature such as: Biblical Recorder, The Commission, Charity and Children, Home Missions, and Sunday School Builder.

By reading this good literature it will keep us loyal to our Lord's work, and be our daily guide.

May we, as Baptists, always be willing to read the literature that will lead us in the straight and narrow way.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy R. Smith

7. The Moderator appointed a committee on Petitionary Letters. The committee are as follows: W. N. Reese, R. C. White, Richard Bradshaw.

8. The report on Stewardship and Tithing was read by G. T. Greenway, spoken to by Mr. Greenway in an able address, and adopted as follows:

STEWARDSHIP

To point out specifically the progress we have made in Stewardship in this association during the past twelve months would require a summary of all our activities. The welfare of God's Creation is in the hands of those who have accepted Him as their God. When one becomes a Christian he becomes a steward. Therefore, all we who in the name of Christ is a part of our stewardship.

The general conception of the meaning of Stewardship is the proper use of our time and money. Usually the greater emphasis is placed on the material side. Stewardship in its broader sense embraces more than just these two things. It means that we as Christians are responsible for everything that is within our scope of influence. One may spend every hour of every day in Christian work and fail to do his whole duty as a Christian. The attitude of the heart must also be given.

There are those who gave generously of their material wealth and feel that their position as a Steward is secure. They may be wrong. Christianity is not purchased with dollars and cents. The cost was paid by Christ. Our acceptance of the Free Gift should mean that we accept the responsibilities of a faithful steward.

We as Missionary Baptist believe and practice Stewardship. To say otherwise would be to deny the teachings of Christ. To teach otherwise is to contradict Christ.

Our future efforts as Christians can be nothing less than one hundred percent Stewards for Christ if we expect Him to say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. T. Greenway

9. The Association voted to accept the Berea Baptist Church into full fellowship after being under the watchcare of this body for the past year and found to be cooperating with the program.

10. The following new pastors of the Association were recognized by the Moderator: Gilbert Buchanan, South Fork Church; W. H. Flowers, Wilkie's Grove Church; Lamont Mayes, Connelly Springs Church; Ernest Bustle, Shoup's Grove Church.

11. The congregation stood and sang, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" while an offering was being received.

12. The report on North Carolina Baptist Homes for Aging was read by J. R. Huffman, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

STATEMENT FOR REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950, session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College leased a three-story, brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received—furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towls, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizabeth City—the mountains to the sea. Regardless of the sections from which they come, they are a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the Home. The attitude of all the residents is well expressed in the brief statements of Miss Bertha Callaway, former matron of Mills Home Orphanage: "I like this good Christian home"; and of Mrs. Carroll: "I wouldn't exchange it for any other."

The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

One donor said when he sent his check to the Home: "I believe in this practical kind of Christianity. North Carolina Baptists have waited too long to begin it." Surely it is practical, for Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing number of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accommodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not" (Psalm 71:18).

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Huffman.

13. The chairman of the Committee on Petitionary Letters made a motion to accept Hildebran View Church under the watchcare of the Association for a year. The Association voted to do so.

14. The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees.

15. The Moderator recognized those that were in the congregation that were present at the organization of the South Mountain Association.

16. The report of the Committee on Committees was read by Ralph Berry and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

PLACE AND PREACHER: James Huffman, Guy Smith, J. E. Hoffman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: P. M. Deal, M. C. Baker, William Craycraft.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: J. David Goodwin, A. V. Ledford, M. A. Huffman.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: W. N. Reese, Lamont Mayes, S. A. Carswell.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Mrs. C. B. Bobbitt, Mrs. Lamont Mayes, Mrs. J. A. Houser.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry
Willie Hudson
J. A. Houser

17. The time having arrived for the Doctrinal Sermon, the Congregation stood and a hymn was sung after which the Presiding Officer presented Pastor B. B. Brooks, of the Mt. Gilead and Carswell Memorial Churches, who brought a message on the subject: "The Holy Spirit". Pastor Brooks led in prayer and the Association adjourned for lunch.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

18. The Association was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Moderator, S. M. Stroupe. Lamont Mayes led the song service and Fred Hicks led the devotional.

19. The report on North Carolina Baptist Children's Home was read by A. V. Ledford and adopted as folows:

OUR 1951 ORPHANAGE REPORT

Again the time has come for your Orphanage to submit its annual report to our Association. We are happy to do this because you are the ones who support this host of homeless children with your love, your prayers, and your money.

In your child care program you make available three channels through which dependent children are aided. At Mills Home and Kennedy Home we cared for 606 last year. Then through Mothers' Aid we helped support 100. In addition to this we supported 58 children in Boarding Homes. This makes a grand total of 764 children who were given support through your Orphanage Program.

There are two major sources of support for your program of child care. The greatest of these is the ONCE-A-MONTH offering by the Sunday Schools and Churches. The other is the Thanksgiving Offering. All this money is used exclusively for the support of the children. By strict economy it has always been sufficient to meet their needs. Since the members of our churches have given directly and regularly to the Orphanage it has kept these children close to their hearts, and we believe has stimulated their religious zeal and caused them to give more to the total Denominational Program.

The financial condition of our Orphanage is good. However, extreme carefulness has to be exercised with the expenses in order to get through the year without a deficit.

Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem, our Orphanage received last year the greatest single gift that has ever come to the Orphanage. This gift, together with a similar one from his sister, the late Miss Lelia Idol, totaled a little more than seven hundred thousand dollars. Not one penny of this can ever be used for current expenses. The donors designated in their will that it should be used to build a Church, an Infirmary, and a Print Shop. These buildings and one cottage for children are now under

contract. When they are finished and furnished there will be less than $30,000 left of this fund which could be used to help erect another building. Actually, when the present building program is finished there will be no surplus fund left.

Although the Orphanages have never sponsored a special campaign for money, they have tried to keep us informed as to what they are doing and as to their needs. Each week the Charity and Children finds its way into forty thousand homes telling about the Orphanage, this is a great source of information to all interested Baptist People. We are glad to report that Baptist people respond in the spirit of the Master who said, "Whosoever receiveth one such children in my name, receiveth not only me, but Him that sent Me."

We solicit your continued prayers and support, and may we pledge together to continue to give these Homeless Children the best training possible.

20. The report on Denominational Education was read by C. B. Bobbitt, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

When we think of Christian Education we are reminded of the words of Jesus, when he said, "go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Jesus placed great emphasis on a trained ministry. He never sent out the Disciples until they had been called and trained. He taught them by Word and Example. His training that he gave them was to conquer all enemies, and the Truth was to be carried to all people of all races.

Southern Baptists have believed these teachings, and have tried to put them into practice. Yes, we believe in all phases of Christian Education. Without it there can be no lasting democracy. Southern Baptists are giving their boys and girls, and maintaining schools at much expense to carry out the Great Commission.

North Carolina alone, has supported Christian Education since 1834, at which time Wake Forest College was first opened. Contributions for all of our Christian Institutions comes through the Cooperative Program and other gifts. Our schools continue to grow and to be a blessing.

The future looks brighter as more people realize the value of Training, and are willing to give of their means to keep the doors open for all who will enter. The Lord is richly blessing us so that we shall be a blessing, as we go forward carrying out the Great Commission and making Christ known to all the world.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Bobbitt

21. Special music was rendered by a visitor in our midst, Mr. Woody.

22. The report on Time, Place and Preacher, was given by J. R. Huffman, and reads as follows:

REPORT ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, October 16th, 17th, 1952
Place: First day—Henry River Church; Second day—St. Paul Church.
Preacher: Doctrinal Sermon—Lamont Mayes
Missionary Sermon—W. H. Flowers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Huffman
Guy R. Smith
J. E. Huffman

23. The Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk in the absence of the Treasurer and reads as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Printing of Minutes	$140.00
Clerk	75.00
Printing of Programs	12.00
Total	$227.00

All bills paid and no balance in Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. Peeler, Treasurer

24. The report on Evangelism was read by A. V. Ledford, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

EVANGELISM

In our lifes work Evangelism is our major task. It is the work of the church. When we have a Prayer Meeting, a Missionary Meeting, a Training Service, a Sunday School, a Preaching Service or any service that does not point to the winning of the lost we have missed the mark. We are saved to serve. Christ called us to be fishers of men. He expects us to carry the gospel to the whole world. We are ambassadors to the unsaved. "Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven". Mat. 5:16. If He has done any thing for us we are obligated to tell others about it. Christ sent the healed demoniac away, saying: "Return to thy house, and declare what great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him". Luke 8:38,39.

Our many State Conventions in the south land, and our Southern Baptist Convention for the last few years have shown great interest in Evangelism. State Conventions have elected men to promote Evangelism in churches and association. We have already seen the results of a "Simultaneous Evangelistic Effort" among our Baptist people. May we pray that greater results will be realized this year.

This year the report from the churches of our association shows that there have been 164 baptisms in the association. We feel that each church ought to make a special effort all through the year in winning the lost.

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford

25. The report on Relief and Annuities was read by S. M. Stroupe. The reporpt was adopted and reads as follows:

MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

The Ministers Retirement Plan has its benefits and blessings to offer the full time pastor or church employee. For the lack of understanding many churches do not encourage their pastors to enter the plan. The pastor is often slow and fearful to ask his church to cooperate in securing his membership in the Plan. To have the assurance that some provision has been made for the pastor, in case of disability or retirement, will give the Pastor and his church or churches, as the case may be, an appreciation for what has been accomplished for the Pastors declining years.

To receive full benefits from the Ministers Retirement Plan the Pastor pays four percent of his annual salary matched by four percent from his church or churches and the Baptist State Convention gives eighteen dollars per year to help build up an annuity for the member. The benefits received will be determined by the number of years the member has participated in the Plan, and the amount of salary received during the years of membership.

Provision has been made that a member can at anytime withdraw his membership with all that he has paid into the Plan himself, with interest.

Deacons and other Church officers should carefully consider the Ministers Retirement Plan and cooperate with their own pastor and help him receive full benefits as offered by the Plan.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

26. Pastor Ralph Berry led in prayer and the Afternoon Session came to a close.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

27. In the new and beautiful Zion Hill Baptist Church the second day of the forty first session of the South Mountain Baptist Association met on October 19. S. M. Stroupe, moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A. M. Lamont Mayes led the song service and Ottis Mull led the devotional.

28. The following visitors were recognized: W. H. Kendall, Christian Education representative and Mars Hill College; Earl Bradley, State Field Secretary; Dr. W. K. McGee, Director Department of Religion at the Baptist Hospital.

29. J. David Goodwin read the report on State Missions which was adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

"NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE CHRISTIAN"

The goal and objective of State Missions may be stated thus:

In many places one observes that what was predicted some fifty years ago, namely, "Coldness within and iniquity without," has come to pass. This is not to say that there is not also a lot of iniquity within. It is the overall purpose of State Missions, working through churches, Sunday schools, young people, to prevent such a thing happening. A sort of creeping paralysis has already taken the northern part of our country in particular. The same thing will happen here unless as Christians we are alert.

In order to accomplish this overall purpose the State Mission program embraces many activities, and these may be stated as follows:

S Sunday School Work
T Training Union Work
A Assemblies
T Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, Etc.)
E Evangelism (City and Association-wide Revivals)

M New and Needy Churches
I Work Among the Indians
S Schools for Ministers
S Work Among Silent People
I Interracial Activities
O Other Activities—Allied Church League, Rural Church, Etc.
N Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches)
S Student Work Among 15,000 Baptist Students

Renewed emphasis is being given to work among the rural churches. A significant statement was made recently to this effect: In a period of three generations, or about one hundred years, it is likely that 1,000 people living in the country will have six times as many descendants as the same number of people living in the larger cities. This certainly is one of the reasons why the Catholics, who in the past have centered their activities in the cities, are now moving into the rural areas. Baptists now compose about one-half of the total church population. If we are wise everything possible must be done to build great country churches.

State Missions has many pressing needs but perhaps the most pressing right now is some $50,000 with which to buy lots where new churches should be established and another $50,000 above what is now being received for State Missions with which to supplement the salaries of pastors to minister to the churches and thus get the work going.

Let it be remembered that State Missions is not just *one object,* but is a program of some eighteen activities. A special offering during September and October of $150,000 is perhaps the greatest need of our North Carolina Baptist Program.

Respectfully submitted,
N. S. Hardin.

30. The report on Home Missions was read by J. E. Hoffman and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS

Christian soldiers, in their spiritual conquest for Christ their King, can learn much from men of military genius. Battles have been lost because generals have overextended their troops beyond sound logistical support. Combat troops are totally dependent upon the home base, if the home base is strong they will be supported.

In spiritual conquest the same principle has adhered. Strengthened home bases have supported with spiritual logistics—every soldier of the cross who has gone forth to do battle against the mighty. Noble souls built the home base for William Carey and, "held the ropes" as he went down to India.

We are told that it took one hundred years from the settlement of America to organize seventeen Baptist Churches.

So from the start the Baptist cause in America was a home mission task. From these Seventeen churches, and others, have come the great host of Baptists in America today. Home Missions is our base today. Its strength will determine our reach throughout the world to win the lost to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

31. The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Seth Ivester and adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

One hundred and six years of Foreign Mission. The year 1845 was a year of small beginning for Southern Baptist in their foreign mission work. When our grandfathers met in Augusta, Ga., one hundred years ago, they had just passed through two decades of strife and bitterness with their brethren in the American Baptist household of faith. The primary motive for the organization of the Southern Convention was the yearning to give the gospel to all the lost people of the earth.

This is a survey containing the percentage from the budgets of our churches going to mission. In this survey we find there are 27,788 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this number there are 14,778 in the open country, 4,842 in villages, 3,526 in towns and 4,642 in the cities.

In the open country 2,029 gave nothing to missions, in the villages 292 gave nothing to missions, in the towns 119 gave nothing to missions, and in the cities 224 gave nothing to mission. Of the total number of churches 4,642 gave 4 per cent of their budget to missions and 140 of the total number of churches gave 50 per cent or more to mission.

The Foreign Mission Board has an appointment of 111 missionaries, a record which probably will not soon be exceeded. It breaks the highest previous record by thirty-five. The additions brought the number of active Southern Baptist missionaries to just over 800. During the year work was begun in three additional countries: Ecuador and Peru in South America, and Southern Rhodesia in Africa, also to Jordan in the Near East. With these additions the Board has missionaries in residence in twenty-seven national areas of the world.

We are unable to secure statistics of the work of churches and conventions in China. It is therefore difficult to compare the increases in baptisms and church memberships with those of last year. In 1949 there were 13,322 baptisms on foreign mission fields, exclusive of China. In 1950 there were 15,620.

The largest advance of the year has been in Japan. At the end of the year we had seventy-two missionaries under appointment to serve among the 85,000,000 people of that country. At the outbreak of the war with Japan we had less than twenty. The Board hoped to reach for this year a total of 100 missionaries which the Japan Baptist Convention requested that we send to their country.

Respectfully submitted,
Seth Ivester

32. The above reports were spoken to by Earl Bradley in a soul-stirring message.

33. W. H. Kendall spoke about Christian Education and Mars Hill College.

34. Mrs. C. B. Bobbitt read the report on Woman's Missionary Union which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As we say farewell to another year, and review the work that has been done, we are made to bow our heads in humility, and wish that much, much more might have been accomplished for Christ and His Kingdom's work.

A total of $357.70 was given through the special offerings with 89 W. M. S. tithers and 83 young people's tithers.

We have had a very favorable Missionary study year—with 112 members completing a study and 164 reading one or more approved missionary books.

We are very glad to report two new Missionary Societies—Bera and Zion Hill. Reports from them are very encouraging.

One associational study course was held, with an average attendance of 64.

Mrs. Edd Swann our new Young People's Director has worked faithfully, with the Young People and associational officers. We have two new R. A. Chapters, one G. A. and 2 Y. W. A.'s. One banquet was held for the young people (Y. W. A.'s, and G. A.'s) of Icard Church. We trust more will be in next years plans. Plans are being made for an associational Coronation Service which will be held soon.

We thank the Lord for the words of inspiration brought, in our special meetings of the year, and for the consecration of our leaders during these days.

A large number of our boys and girls attended camp at Fruitland and Ridgecrest, and we are praying next year more will be able to attend.

As we march on in this mighty Missionary Crusade "For God and Home and Every Land," we shall take courage rededicate and reconsecrate ourselves that we may be "Laborers together with God," ever leading others to "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

35. Marse Grant, Editor of the Orphanage paper Charity and Children, spoke about the Orphanage.

36. J. David Goodwin submitted the report on Baptist Hospital which was adopted without reading and reads as follows:

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The story of our Baptist Hospital is the same as it was in May 1922, when it received its first patient, in regards to its purpose. This purpose was and is to minister to suffering humanity. It was not very long after the instituting of the hospital until there was not room for all who needed medical care. From year to year, the patronage has increased beyond expectation.

Our hospital is rated among the best in the country. We are proud of the fine rating, and of the wonderful work it has done, and is doing. But we regret that there are many turned away because of the lack of room. A greater work can be done in the Masters name if we as Baptists will do our part in helping this great institution.

We are glad to report as of today that twenty-four of our churches have contributed this year to the hospital. This is a great increase over the previous years, but it is not good enough. We as an Association have not met our quota asked by our secretary. I trust that we will do our best in the near future to raise the full amount asked of us.

A few years past, we said we would raise the necessary amount of money needed to erect the left wing to our hospital. We have not reached this goal yet. May God help us to see the great need of helping those who are sick in body, mind and spirit. Our Hospital not only ministers to the body, but to the soul as well. Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work". This is our day, let us do the work assigned to us, namely ministering to ever need of mankind.

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Goodwin

37. Dr. W. K. McGee spoke to the above report and the Old Age Home.

38. The time having arrived for the Annual Missionary Sermon, the Moderator presented Pastor Ralph Berry who brought a thought-provoking message dealing with the subject of "Go, Stand and Speak." The congregation stood for a closing prayer and adjourned for lunch.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

39. The Association convened at 1:30 p. m. with Moderator S. M. Stroupe in the chair. Lamont Mayes led the song service and L. B. Harris led the devotional.

40. M. A. Huffman talked on his report of Temperance and Public Morals and was granted the right to send in his report to the clerk at a later date to be put in the minutes.

41. The report on American Bible Society was read by S. A. Carswell, and adopted as follows:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible is a "must" in mission work.

If the people of the world are to know Christ they must have the Bible printed in their language. The Bible can go where human missionaries can not go.

The income of the people are so low in many countries they cannot pay for the paper and printing of the Bible.

In 1950 the American Bible Society printed 14 million volumes of the Bible.

These volumes are distributed in many different countries, also to our armed forces and to our prisoners of war in Korea.

Southern Baptist gave in 1950 to the Society $78,643.00. It is hoped they will give $150,000.00 each year very soon. The total gifts by all denominations were $646,756.00.

Let us give liberally to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Carswell

42. An offering was taken in the amount of $20.89 to be sent to the American Bible Society from the South Mountain Baptist Association.

43. The part of the program given to Memorials was conducted by Johnnie Spake, Pastor of Zoar Church. He payed tribute to those who have passed on and read a list of these honored dead and the churches to which they belonged.

44. Report of Nominating Committee reads as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the nominating committee recommends to the body the following names as the officers of this Association for a new year.

S. M. STROUPE—Moderator.
J. E. HUFFMAN—Vice-Moderator.
WILLIAM CRAYCRAFT—Treasurer.
MRS. J. D. GOODWIN—Clerk.
GUY SMITH—Sunday School Supt.
C. B. BOBBITT—Training Union Director.
M. A. HUFFMAN—Hospital Representative.
RALPH BERRY—Orphanage Representative.

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Goodwin
A. V. Ledford
M. A. Huffman

45. The report on Sunday Schools was given by Mrs. Russell Hoyle and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the co-operation of the churches in the year 1950 and 1951, we trust the record will show a definite growth in bible study and teaching. Realizing that the "gospel of Christ is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth". . We began the year with the theme "Take your family to Sunday school", this being the second year in a three year period for this theme.

The aim of the associational Sunday school is to help the churches in their work. When our churches are at work we will have a better church, community, association, state, and a better world.

In our planning meeting, Oct. 1950, twelve teams were sent out to visit the twenty seven churches. Nineteen churches were responsive to the suggested program of our Baptist Sunday School Board.

Many of our churches promoted a week of Bible study in January, took a religious census in February and co-operated in simultaneous revival campaign promoted by our convention.

We are thankful to Mr. L. L. Morgan, our state Sunday school secretary, and Mr. D. P. Brooks for bringing a crew of state workers and putting on an enlargement campaign in June. In this campaign, which lasted five nights, there were eleven churches participated, with an average attendance each night of thirty-one. Some of our churches used two workers. The offering given them amounted to one hundred fifty dollars and fifty-four cents. As a result of this campaign sixteen new classes were added. We found from these eleven churches there were one thousand five hundred eighteen resident church members, with three thousand two hundred fifty-six possibilities and seven hundred ninety-two unsaved persons above the primary department, which proves that "the field is white already unto harvest". Let's pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

The Association held eleven monthly meetings omitting June because of the home coming at Oak Ridge.

The highest number of churches at any one meeting was thirteen. The average attendance was one hundred forty-three, with Berea (the newest church in our Association) having the largest number present for at least eight meetings.

An offering was taken amounting to $67.93 of which $25.00 was taken to send the superintendent to Ridgecrest June first through sixth, to enjoy the first week for Associational leaders. $15.00 was spent for mailing expenses with $52.00 on hand.

In our Association thirteen churches conducted training schools with two hundred forty-four awards. The Sunday school gain from 1949 to 1950 was 170. Our goal for 1951 and 1952 is 235.

The planning meeting has been held for the new year and most churches contacted.

We are planning for the first time group training schools. One has been held with an average attendance of 49. Rev. Mr. Ralph Berry was dean of the school, Oak Ridge, Berea, Connelly Springs, and Mt. Hebron the churches. The teachers were from Connelly Springs and Oak Ridge. We trust that others have or are going to train their leaders through these schools.

May the Lord bless us as we go forward for His cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Russell Hoyle
Mrs. W. M. Hudson, Sec. and Treas.

46. The Resolution Committee made its report and reads as follows:

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTTEE

The resolution committee wishes to submit the following report:

We are grateful for the opportunities we have had this past year in serving Christ together in this Association. We are thankful for the Pastors and christian workers, and the work they are doing in this Association in carrying on the work of our Master.

We pledge anew our loyalty, support, and cooperation in the coming year. To all our visitors and those appearing on the program we feel that the reports and comments have inspired us to do greater things for our Lord.

Be it resolved, that we officers, messengers, and visitors of the South Mountain Association, express to the Pastors and members of the Icard Baptist Church, and Zion Hill Baptist Church, our sincere appreciation for the bountiful meals so graciously provided for us during this session of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lamont Mayes
Mrs. C. B. Bobbitt
Mrs. J. A. Houser

47. The Vacation Bible School report was read by Mrs. Russell Hoyle and adopted as follows:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Out of the twenty seven churches in our association eight celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Vacation Bible School by holding schools for the children in their community, assured that the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow; and leaders who are worth while are the ones who know and practice the truth, "For they shall know the truth and the truth shall make them free.

Enrolled in seven schools were four hundred and sixty-eight pupils (I know of the eighth but did not receive a report.) The church enrolling the most children was Henry River with one hundred sixteen. The highst grade was a double B, credited to Bethany. The second highest was St. Paul, a B.

There was eighteen professions of faith, if there had been only one soul saved it would have been ample reward for the ninety-six faculty members required to carry on the seven schools.

We wish we could report the most Bible Schools ever, but we must face facts. There is a decrease in the number of schools this year.

The largest number of schools was fourteen in the year nineteen forty-seven. This was the summer we had an Associational Missionary.

This year one thousand five hundred and seventy-two schools were reported in the state by September 1951.

The state has set a goal of twenty-five hundred for this year. May we do our part by having at least fifteen vacation Bible schools in the South Mountain Association in 1952.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Russell Hoyle

48. The Associational Mission Report was given by J. David Goodwin, spoken to by him, and reads as follows:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TREASURER

Amount in Treasury October 1950	$112.00
Received during year	2.40
Paid out during year	none
Balance, October 19, 1951	$114.40

Respectfully submitted,
J. Perry Abernathy

49. The Moderator asked for a vote of those in favor of a committee of five to act as ADVISORY COUNCIL, the majority voted for this and the following were named as the committee, S. M. Stroupe, J. David Goodwin, A. V. Ledford, Ralph Berry and S. A. Carswell. It shall be the duty of the ADVISORY COUNCIL to act when called upon in such

matters as the location of churches, the ordination of Baptist ministers, disagreements in a local church, the orthodoxy of a Baptist church or Baptist minister within the Association, and other like matters.

50. The congregation stood and sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", after which Mrs. Russell Hoyle led in prayer and the 41st Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association came to a close.

S. M. STROUPE, Moderator
MRS. J. D. GOODWIN, Clerk

MINUTE FUND

ABEE'S CHAPEL	$15.00
BEREA	7.50
BETHANY	20.00
BEULAH	6.00
CARSWELL MEMORIAL	8.00
CONNELLY SPRINGS	15.00
CORINTH	7.00
HENRY RIVER	12.00
ICARD	20.00
MT. HEBRON	12.00
MT. VERNON	15.00
MT. ZION	8.50
MULLS CHAPEL	10.00
OAK RIDGE	15.00
OLIVE GROVE	8.50
PLEASANT GROVE	8.00
PISGAH	10.00
ST. JOHN'S	5.00
ST. PAUL	8.60
SHOUP'S GROVE	10.00
SMART'S GROVE	8.00
SOUTH FORK	6.00
WALKER'S CHAPEL	7.00
WILKIE' GROVE	5.00
ZION HILL	10.00
ZOAR	5.00
HILDEBRAN VIEW	4.00

IN MEMORIAM

ABEE'S CHAPEL	Miss Nancy Lowman
BETHANY	Mrs. Lawrence Page
	Mrs. George Smith
	Mr. George Smith
CONNELLY SPRINGS	Mrs. Sally Abernathy
	Mrs. Etta Pearcy
	Mr. T. E. Simpson
HENRY RIVER	Mr. Charlie Parker
ICARD	Mrs. S. E. Propst
MT. GILEAD	Mrs. Fannie Lail
MT. HEBRON	Mr. Sherman Lagle
	Mr. G. O. Stroupe
MT. VERNON	Sgt. Billy Gantt
MT. ZION	Rev. Albert Hudson
	Mrs. Sara Hudson
	Mr. Gardy Smith
PLEASANT GROVE	Mr. J. R. Chapman
ST. PAUL	Mrs. Elsie Hudson
	Mr. Emory Wehunt
	Mr. Ambrose Garner
SHOUP'S GROVE	Mrs. Florence Berry
	Mr. Marion Hildebran
SMART'S GROVE	Mrs. Emily Lail
ZION HILL	Mrs. Margaret Ramsey
	Mr. Frank Bradshaw
	Mr. W. S. Hoyle

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains		Losses	Total			Special Information				
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper In Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	No. Known Roman Catholics to Join
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2-4	Jason Stillwell, R-4, Hickory	2	10	1	145		145	2	7	No	No	
Berea	Rural	1947	2-4-5	W. N. Reese, Gen. Del., Morganton	10	9		42	29	71	2	15	No	No	
Bethany	T	1885	All	J. David Goodwin, Hildebran, Box 439	17	6	14			361	2	62	No	No	
Beulah	Rural	1905	1-3	Gordon Schrum, R-5, Lincolnton	6					119	3	5	No	No	
Carswell Memorial	Rural	1888	1-3	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	3	3	5	45	6	51	2		No	No	
Connelly Springs	V	1899	All	Lamont Mayes, Connelly Springs	13	6	18	131	52	183	1	25	No	No	
Corinth	Rural	1884	1-3	Ottis Mull, R-3, Vale	8					173	2		No	No	
Henry River	V	1940	All	Fred F. Hicks, Hildebran	2	15	10	122	68	190	2	42	No	No	
Icard	V	1918	All	A. V. Ledford, Icard	10	4	8	227	30	257	2	60	No	No	
Mt. Gilead	Rural	1888	1-3	B. B. Broks, Mooresboro	6	2	1	58	63	121	2		No	No	
Mt. Hebron	Rural		1-2-3-4	S. M. Stroupe, R-1, Connelly Springs	3	6	9	109	55	164	1	27	No	No	
Mt. Vernon	Rural	1924	2-4-5	C. B. Bobbitt, R-3, Vale	2	4	8	170	68	238	2	20	No	No	
Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	All	Roy Walker, Cherryville		1	5	77	95	172	1	2	No	No	
Mulls Chapel	Rural	1871	2-4	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	1	1		108	6	114	2	9			
Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	All	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	16	20	4	120	33	153	2	44	No	No	
Olive Grove	Rural	1884	1-2-3-4	W. L. Blanton, Belwood	8	3	3	134	73	207	3		No	No	
Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2-4	Dewey E. Newton, R-2, Lawndale	1		16	66	19	85	2	1	No	No	
Pisgah	Rural	1840	2-4	Seth Ivester, Star Rt., Lawndale	5	1	1	64	22	106	2	4		No	
St. John's	Rural	1842	1-3	Dewey E. Newton, R-2, Lawndale	6	2	3			88	2		No	No	
St. Paul	Rural	1870	1-3	Buren Hasting, Casar	11	1	12	253	177	430	2		No	No	
Shoup's Grove	Rural	1890	1-3	Ernest Bustle, Jonas Ridge	7	7	10	84	46	130	2	6	No	No	
Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	1-3	John Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs	3		1			66	2		No	No	
South Fork	Rural	1937	1-3-5	J. Astor Buchanan, Spruce Pine	7	9	2			103	2	10	No	No	
Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	1-2-3-4	W. L. Blanton, Casar	9	2		144		144	2	10	No	No	
Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1893	All	W. H. Flowers, R-1, Valdese	4	1	2			151	3	4	No	No	
Zion Hill	Rural	1882	1-3	J. E. Hoffman, R-2, Vale	2	15	10	161	66	227	2	23	No	No	
Zoar	Rural	1937	2-4	Johnnie Spake, R-1, Casar	2	3		49	22	71	2	3			
Hildebran View	Rural	1946	1-3	Gilbert Buchanan, Gen. Del., Morganton	4		1	21	2	23	1		No	No	
Totals					168	131	144	2330	932	4343	55	379			

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance
Abee's Chapel	O. C. Carter, Valdese	13		17	15	15	13	13	52		2	150	90		
Berea	E. D. Berry, Bx. 123, Connelly Springs			23	27	13	15	22	26		2	128	88	79	80
Bethany	Nicholas Burns, Hildebran		14	22	19	30	44	25	89	20	5	268	150	105	85
Beulah	M. E. Shoup, R-3, Vale			20		11	10	18	35			94	75		
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton			7		6	3		24			40	28		
Connelly Springs	Claude M. Icard, Rutherford College		10	13	20	23	21	14	56	25	2	184	98	75	68
Corinth	A. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar											100	75		
Henry River	Berl Childers, Hildebran		9	18	13	33	24	24	50			171	112	131	113
Icard	Roy Simpson, R-1, Connelly Springs		13	26	20	28	24	43	82		4	240	136	98	88
Mt. Gilead	Eugene Parker, R-1, Connelly Spgs.			26		16	18		15			75	46		
Mt. Hebron	Richard Bradshaw, R-1, Connelly Spgs.	18		16	24	29	25		68	6	3	183	93	58	52
Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, R-2, Vale			16	15	13	22	34	46		4	150	85	54	37
Mt. Zion	Cecil Lindsey, Casar			12	8		8	14	23			65	60		
Mulls Chapel	R. D. Shuford, R-3, Vale			15	20	21	13	30	18		2	119	69	43	39
Oak Ridge	William Craycraft, R-2, Box 139, Con. Spgs.	10	14	15	16	24	29	15	58	8	4	193	126	65	61
Olive Grove	Hazel Lindsay, R-1, Casar			16	10		39	22	28		3	118	90		
Pleasant Grove	C. A. Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs		6	10	19	9	10	8	30			92	60		
Pisgah	N. W. Pruett, Casar			14	14	14	28	14	28		6	120	55		
St. John's	Jink Brittain, R-1, Connelly Springs			27	7	11	10	20	27		5	107			
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Belwood			14	12	30	35	44	102		5	244	128	74	69
Shoup's Grove	John Carswell, R-4, Hickory	10		36	32	36	8	36	42		23	223	140		
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, R-1, Connelly Spgs.			23	12	15		19	43			112	75		
South Fork	Allen Stafford, Icard			14	8	10	14	17	25			88	60	51	48
Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, R-4, Morganton			20	15	19	6	20	25			105	80		
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R-4, Hickory		5	12	18	15	18	8	49			125	80		
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs			18	21	25	30	24	89		6	213	124	42	37
Zoar	Amos Earl Pruett, Casar				25	11		16	27			79	40		
Hildebran View	W. L. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs			11	10	9	20		22			72	50		
Totals		51	71	461	400	466	488	500	1179	59	76	3858	2313	875	777

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abee's Chapel																			
Berea	Ralph Thorne, Icard		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		10	15	9	9	7	10	8	68	
Bethany	Conrad Brittian, Hildebran			1	1	1	1	2	6			10	7	21	11	16	2	67	44
Beulah																			
Carswell Memorial																			
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Lamont Mayes, Jr., Connelly Springs	1		1	1	1	1	1	6	4		8	12	14	13	10	3	64	39
Corinth																			
Henry River					1		1	1	3				14		20	7	1	42	28
Icard	Peggy Burns, Icard			1	1	1	1	1	5			9	14	15	7	17	6	68	53
Mt. Gilead																			
Mt. Hebron	Harold C. Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs			1	1	1		1	4			7	6	8		7	6	28	24
Mt. Vernon																			
Mt. Zion																			
Mulls Chapel																			
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Leonard Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs			1	1	1	2	1	6			7	11	13	15	12	3	61	53
Olive Grove																			
Pleasant Grove																			
Pisgah																			
St. John's																			
St. Paul																			
Shoup's Grove																			
Smart's Grove																			
South Fork	Mrs. Louise Abernathy, R-4, Hickory			1	1	1	1	1	5			14	10	14	11	7		56	40
Walker's Chapel																			
Wilkie's Grove																			
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale	1			1	1	1	1	5	12			7	16	14	13	2	64	43
Zoar																			
Hildebran View																			
Totals		2	1	7	9	8	9	10	46	16	10	70	90	110	98	99	31	518	324

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G.A. Units	R.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	R.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abee's Chapel															
Berea	Flo Buff, Rhodhiss	1					1	21					21		15
Bethany	Mrs. Bryan Setzer, Hildebran	1	1	2	1	1	6	16	8	13	10	6	53	9	15
Beulah															
Carswell Memorial															
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, Connelly Springs	1					1	13					13		4
Corinth															
Henry River	Mrs. L. L. White, Hildebran	1		2			3	19		43			62		35
Icard	Mrs. Eugene Glass, R-2, Connelly Springs	1	1	2	2	1	7	20	6	17	14	10	67	49	15
Mt. Gilead															
Mt. Hebron															
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. C. B. Bobbitt, R-3, Vale	1				1	2	28				20	48	32	12
Mt. Zion															
Mulls Chapel															
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs	1					1	29					29	24	26
Olive Grove															
Pleasant Grove															
Pisgah															
St. John's															
St. Paul															
Shoup's Grove															
Smart's Grove															
South Fork	Mrs. Irene Greenhill, R-4, Hickory	1					1	6					6		
Walker's Chapel															
Wilkie's Grove															
Zion Hill	Mrs. McKinley Baker, R-1, Connelly Springs	1					1	11					11		
Zoar															
Hildebran View															
Totals		9	2	6	3	3	23	163	14	73	24	36	310	114	122

TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING—GOALS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Brotherhood		Building			Goals
		Enrollment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year
Abee's Chapel					9524.74		
Berea						43.00	
Bethany	J. P. Sweet, Hildebran	16	3	5000.00	43000.00		1200.00
Beulah					15000.00		
Carswell Memorial					4000.00		
Connelly Springs				5000.00	20000.00		10% of Gifts
Corinth					13000.00		
Henry River					18187.25		10% of Gifts
Icard				7500.00	20000.00		
Mt. Gilead					2000.00		
Mt. Hebron				5000.00	9000.00		
Mt. Vernon				12000.00	20000.00		10% of Gifts
Mt. Zion					4000.00		
Mulls Chapel					10500.00		
Oak Ridge		16	12		18000.00		125.00
Olive Grove	Guy Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs				4000.00		
Pleasant Grove					5000.00		
Pisgah					5000.00		
St. John's					3550.00		
St. Paul					25000.00		
Shoup's Grove					2500.00		
Smart's Grove					5000.00	580.00	
South Fork							
Walker's Chapel					8000.00		
Wilkie's Grove				2000.00	20000.00	4840.92	
Zion Hill							
Zoar					5000.00		
Hildebran View					2500.00		
Totals		32	15	36500.00	291761.99	5463.92	

TABLE F. CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Receipts		Expenditures										
		All Receipts Through All Organizations or Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, R-1, Valdese	3329.32	117.50	887.73		90.12	192.90	300.00		31.61	1619.86	805.00	2424.86
Berea	Jim Tomlinson, Connelly Springs	3045.16	60.00	15.00	358.44	128.11	313.52	90.00	887.47	206.86	2059.40	671.28	2730.68
Bethany	Jones Abernathy, Hildebran	10566.65	576.95	39.00	2366.46	338.70	292.36	720.27	576.00	671.82	5581.56	4107.50	9689.06
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, Hickory			56.00		46.46	100.00	130.00	1700.00	50.00	2082.46	536.82	2619.28
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteet, R-4, Morganton	1276.68	47.25		497.91	48.42	11.50			57.60	662.68	493.00	1155.68
Connelly Springs	Harold D. Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs	6097.21	256.89	889.27		509.39	214.41	560.00		195.05	2625.01	2065.00	4690.01
Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar					72.59	63.00	148.34		55.99	339.92	634.04	973.96
Henry River	Lawson E. Childers, Henry River	4843.94	163.24			251.94	396.68	25.00	98.12	1101.75	2036.73	2028.00	4064.73
Icard	Julia Carswell, R-1, Connelly Springs	8196.25	641.00	399.84	349.68	436.94	299.84	163.00		1429.62	3719.92	3445.00	7164.92
Mt. Gilead	Eugene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs			12.00		48.93		400.00			460.93	400.00	860.93
Mt. Hebron	Harold C. Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs	4386.43	120.00	22.75	1106.75	204.84	25.00	75.00		225.85	1780.19	1560.00	3340.19
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	4737.26	277.40	927.78	421.00	108.53	78.31	252.00		372.06	2437.08	1490.00	3927.08
Mt. Zion	C. B. Lindsay, Casar			18.00	500.00	46.96		55.56		57.68	678.20	447.00	1125.20
Mulls Chapel	A. C. Pecler, R-4, Bx. 120, Hickory			29.00		102.31		181.62		1280.60	1593.53	1140.00	2733.53
Oak Ridge	Ernest M. Stephen, R-2, Connelly Springs	6733.20	162.00	235.39	1728.75	312.62	196.15	215.45	1000.00	313.18	4163.54	2054.56	6218.10
Olive Grove	C. L. Crotts, Belwood	1446.65		118.00		87.37		165.60		35.50	406.47	1000.18	1406.65
Pleasant Grove	Mrs. Lula Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs	1028.37	60.00	12.13	48.60	25.36		155.00		19.50	320.59	580.00	900.59
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, R-1, Casar	1659.68	121.00	9.20		66.13	42.59	134.65		220.57	594.14	829.12	1423.26
St. John's	Hettie McNeilly, R-1, Connelly Springs			8.00	695.12	39.79		180.24		58.80	981.95	395.60	1377.55
St. Paul	Carl Smith, R-3, Lawndale	3617.63	96.00	413.18		150.02	185.41	281.77	1400.00	58.00	2584.38	810.80	3395.18
Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, R-1, Connelly Springs	6008.23	156.00	4.12	4800.00	149.50	84.24	104.12		710.25	6008.23	1311.50	7319.73
Smart's Grove	Mary Moses, R-1, Connelly Springs		26.58			14.77		249.26	469.14	136.87	896.62	360.00	1256.62
South Fork	Mrs. D. D. Propst, R-4, Hickory		120.00	40.00		122.27	192.08	260.00	850.00	888.74	2473.09	1379.50	3852.59
Walker's Chapel	Miles Carswell, R-4, Morganton		60.00			123.85	100.00	570.00	310.00		1163.85	1170.00	2333.85
Wilkie's Grove	Cletus Paige, R-4, Hickory	21040.97		136.55	11875.00	67.70	52.00	224.00	7035.00	50.38	19440.63	1230.37	20671.00
Zoin Hill	Mrs. Lou Ellen Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs		60.00	474.33	4054.18	217.29		376.00		55.00	5236.80	710.00	5946.80
Zoar	Ottie Mae Whitworth, Casar	2739.28	60.00			54.83		145.20		64.18	324.21	300.00	624.21
Hildebran View	Billie E. Lowman, R-1, Connelly Springs		12.00		20.00	36.60		100.00			168.60	405.54	574.14
TOTALS		90742.81	3193.81	4747.27	28822.09	3902.34	2839.99	6262.08	14325.73	8380.46	77440.57	32359.81	104800.38

TABLE G. GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expendtiure for All Purposes
Abee's Chapel	Roy Lowman, R-1, Box 48, Valdese		15.00	80.61	35.40	35.43		51.75	79.62		297.81	2925.86
Berea	Dorothy Berry, Connelly Springs	32.73	42.00	3.25				25.00	50.00		152.98	2883.66
Bethany	Mrs. J. D. Goodwin, Bx. 439, Hildebran	649.00		211.31	140.07	156.32	121.10	151.00	294.00		1722.80	11411.86
Beulah	Mrs. Gladys Hull, R-2, Vale											2619.28
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, R-4, Morganton	45.00		20.00				36.00	20.00		121.00	1276.68
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Harold D. Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs	261.65		58.00	30.00	65.00	23.21	63.45	50.00		551.31	5241.32
Corinth	H. E. McNeilly, Casar				63.00			13.05		16.95	93.00	1066.96
Henry River	Loree W. Greenhill, R-5, Hickory	257.28		18.57				12.42	6.50		294.77	4359.50
Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	561.41		21.25	9.00	31.00	125.00	198.67	85.00		1031.33	8196.25
Mt. Gilead	Eugene Parker, R-1, Connelly Spgs.								10.00		10.00	870.93
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mae Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Spgs.			12.00	15.00	20.00		31.02	115.74	50.00	243.76	3583.95
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, R-2, Vale	390.96	10.00	24.15	2.35	14.00		39.00	70.76	51.00	602.22	4529.30
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, Lawndale	56.46		5.00	5.00	5.00		60.00	8.32		139.78	1264.98
Mulls Chapel	A. L. Rhoney, R-4, Bx. 144, Hickory	32.00							63.00		85.00	2818.53
Oak Ridge	Ruth Stephens, R-2, Box 99, Connelly Spgs.	170.27		72.70	46.68	32.50	101.50	116.24	125.00		664.89	6882.99
Olive Grove	C. E. Crotts, Belwood								40.00		40.00	1446.65
Pleasant Grove	Miss Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs								15.29		15.29	915.88
Pisgah	Clarence Parker, Casar	20.00			20.00			60.00	60.00		160.00	1583.26
St. John's	Lillie Huffman, R-1, Box 56, Connelly Spgs.								25.00		25.00	1402.55
St. Paul	Claud Cooke, R-1, Belwood			25.00				60.00	32.45		117.45	3512.63
Shoup's Grove	Rachel Brittain, Box 14, Icard					10.00		60.00			70.00	7389.73
Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, R-1, Connelly Springs								10.00	39.95	49.95	1306.57
South Fork	Rosalee Young, R-4, Hickory					72.86		15.00	10.00	52.87	150.73	4003.32
Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, R-4, Morganton					10.00		49.95	10.13		70.08	2403.93
Wilkie's Grove	Ransom Hudson, R-4, Hickory							48.78	89.04	232.15	369.97	21040.97
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R-3, Vale	73.93		11.15	7.00	7.16		24.00	48.22	39.41	210.87	6151.67
Zoar	D. W. Chapman, Casar				10.00			10.00	4.18	2.10	26.18	650.49
Hildebran View	W. L. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs							10.00			10.00	584.14
Totals		2550.69	67.00	562.99	383.50	459.27	370.81	1135.33	1322.25	484.43	7326.17	112323.84

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J. E. HUFFMAN, Vale, Rt. 2 ..... Vice-Moderator
S. A. CARSWELL, Icard ..... Treasurer
Mrs. CLAUDE M. ICARD, Rutherford College ..... Clerk

1953 Sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 15-16)

First Day --- Bethany
Second Day - Mt. Vernon

R. W. Hord will preach the Doctrinal Sermon
Fred Hicks will preach the Missionary Sermon

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

I. EXECUTIVE BOARD

S. M. STROUPE	WILLIE HUDSON
J. E. HUFFMAN	PAUL CROTTS
S. A. CARSWELL	A. V. LEDFORD
RALPH BERRY	Mrs. CLAUDE M. ICARD

II. OTHER OFFICERS

Sunday School Superintendent ..... Guy R. Smith
Training Union Director ..... Miss Lucille Upton
Associational Missions Treasurer ..... S. A. Carswell
Hospital Representative ..... M. A. Huffman
Orphanage Representative ..... W. M. Hudson

III. W. M. U. OFFICERS

Superintendent ..... Mrs. William Smart, Hildebran
Assistant Superintendent ..... Mrs. Ed Swan, Icard
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Lee J. Greenhill, Hickory
Young People's Leader ..... Mrs. Ford Sain, Hildebran
R. A. Counselor ..... Lamont Mayes, Connelly Springs
Community Msssions ..... Mrs. Ed Hudson, Connelly Springs
Stewardship ..... Mrs. J. L. Beach, Connelly Springs
Mission Study ..... Mrs. Arthur Whisnant, Icard
Literature ..... Mrs. D. C. Upton, Vale
Nominating Committee Chairman ..... Mrs. Clyde Shook, Jr., Icard

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association".
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed, and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication ot each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committed to an Executive Board of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.
(b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.
(c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Board.
(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.
(e) Two successive absences from the regular meetings of this Board without satisfactory explanation on the part of any member shall automatically render his place on the Board vacant.
(f) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.
(g) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Business.
13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER

1. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by the permission of the Association.
2. No subject which has been decided by the Association shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move reconsideration.
3. Churches that make application for membership in the Association shall be received under the watchcare for one year, then, if they prove to be sound in faith and cooperative in our denominational work, shall be received into full fellowship.
4. All questions be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Church	Pastor	Address
Abee's Chapel	Horace Harris	Lenoir
Berea	Forest Davis	Casar
Bethany	B. R. Holbrook	Hildebran
Beulah	Gordon Schrum	Rt. 5, Lincolnton
Carswell Memorial	B. B. Brooks	Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Connelly Springs	Lamont Mayes	Connelly Springs
Corinth	Ottis Mull	Rt. 3, Vale
Henry River	Fred Hicks	Hildebran
Icard	A. V. Ledford	Icard
Mt. Gilead	B. B. Brooks	Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron	S. M. Stroupe	Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon	R. W. Hord	R. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion	Roy Walker	Cherryville
Mulls Chapel	J. E. Hoffman	Rt. 2, Vale
Oak Ridge	Ralph Berry	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove	W. L. Blanton	Belwood
Philadelphia	Gilbert Buchanan	Gen. Del., Morganton
Pleasan Grove	Julius Hildebran	R. 4, Hickory
Pisgah	Seth Ivester	Lawndale
St. John's	Dewey Newton	Lawndale
St. Paul	Buren Hasting	Casar
Shoup's Grove	Ernest Bustle	Icard
Smart's Grove	Billy Blanton	Casar
South Fork	J. Astor Buchanan	Spruce Pine
Walker's Chapel	W. L. Blanton	Belwood
Wilkie's Grove	Chissie Smart	R. 1, Connelly Springs
Zion Hill	J. E. Huffman	R. 2, Vale
Zoar	Johnny Smart	R. 1, Connelly Springs

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ralp Abee	R. 1, Connelly Springs
Norris R. Brittain	Icard
Aron Fay Reep	Brookford
J. L. Bragg	Hildebran
R. W. Williams	Hildebran
J. O. Mull	R. 3, Vale
Levi Fredell	R. 2, Vale
Harry S. Parker	Hildebran
Osco Parker	R. 4, Hickory
William Martin	Hildebran
Berl Childers	Hildebran
L. R. Berry	R. 4, Hickory
Ottis Cook	R. 1, Casar
Andy Mead, Jr.	R. 5, Shelby
Larry Willis	R. 3, Lawndale

E. L. Lowery.....R. 1, Casar
Sanford Stamey.....Lawndale
John Abee.....R. 1, Connelly Springs
Jason Stillwell.....R. 4, Hickory
Homer Buchanan.....Spruce Pine
Junior Deal.....R. 1 ,Casar
Johnny Spake.....R. 1, Casar
Stanley Brittain.....R. 1, Connelly Springs

CHURCHES AND THEIR MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Nellie Lowman, Mrs. Pearl Lowman, Mrs. Lester Lowman, Sadie Carter, J. A. Willis.

BEREA—Norris Brittain, Viola Bryant, Lilliant Bryant, Gim Tomlinson, Ed Berry.

BETHANY—Mrs. Jones Abernathy, Perry Abernathy, Howard Abernathy, Mrs. Maudie Abernathy, Jr. R. Huffman, Miss Phyllis Burns, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Holbrook.

BEULAH—Mrs. Estes Shoupe, Estes Shoupe, Olen Benfield, E. A. Rudisill, Mrs. E. A. Rudisill.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—Mrs. Ellen Poteat, Mrs. Versie Carswell, Miss Hester Carswell, Herman Martin.

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Miss Edna Lail, Mrs. John H. Simpson, Mrs. Lamont Mayes, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. F. M. Smith, Clyde Arnold, Mrs. Claude Icard.

CORINTH—Mr. and Mrs. Josh Newton, Johnny Botts, Bessie Mae McNeily, Marvin McNeily, C. S. Watts, Tallage Hunt.

HENRY RIVER—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Childers, Walter Childers, Mrs. Lawrence Berry, Mrs. William Smart.

ICARD—Will Justice, Mrs. Fred Huffman, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, S. A. Carswell, Arthur Whisanant, Mrs. Lottie Carswell, Mrs. Roy Simpson, Mrs. Victor Miller, Mrs. J. B. Epps, Mrs. Artie Williams.

MT. GILEAD—Mr. and Mrs. Pink Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, Mrs. Bessie Chapman.

MT. HEBRON—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Miss Helena Taylor, Mrs. Nevo Taylor.

MT. VERNON—McKinley Davis, Jesse Houser, Mrs. Jesse Houser, Mrs. D. C. Upton, Mrs. Clyde Canipe, Mrs. P. T. Hoyle, J. F. Leatherman, Mrs. D. M. Tallent.

MT. ZION—Mr. and Mrs. Rubbin Short, Florence Proctor, Jesse Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsay, C. Bridges, Eudine Price.

MULL'S CHAPEL—A. L. Rhoney, R. D. Shufford, Mrs. Carroll Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Clyde McClurd.

OAK RIDGE—Mr. Dewey Duckworth, Mrs. Max Decker, Mrs. L. C. Carpenter, Mrs. John Beach, Mrs. Ben Zimmerman.

OLIVE GROVE—Hubert Self, C. E. Crotts, John Cook, Johnny Walker.

PHILADELPHIA—Gete Brittain, Sally Reep Bill Lowman, Richard Franklin, Junior Robinson.

PLEASANT GROVE—J. M. Walker, C. M. Martin.

PISGAH—Nell Canipe, Andrew Costner, Avery Parker, Jewel Parker, Charlene Parker, Jeneal Parker, Anivenl Parker.

ST. JOHN'S—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoyle, Miss Helen Hoyle, Mrs. Rosalin Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Brittain, Miss Shirley Brittain.

ST. PAUL—Marion Benfield, Carl Smith, C. D. Downs, R. C. White, Benny Crotts, Bob Willis, Emerson Cook.

SHOUP'S GROVE—Mrs. E. O. Bustle, Mrs. James Powell, Betty Jean Powell, W. L. Pressley, Mrs. John Carswell, Mrs. Frank Shufford, Mrs. Edna Seagle, Mrs. Lillian Childers, Mrs. Lula Damerons.

SMART'S GROVE—Willie Lail, Bulah Lail, Bell Lail, R. E. Moss, John Abee, Ada Abee, Brintie Abee.

SOUTH FORK—Mrs. Lela Burns, Mrs. Edna Mills, Mrs. Josephine Hudson, Mrs. Hazel Heavner, Rosalie Young.

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mackie Huffman, Miles Huffman, Filo Huffman, C. Huffman, Miles Carswell, Gilbert Carswell.

WILKIE'S GROVE—W. A. Burns, Charlie Martin, William Clark, Joseph Burns, Mrs. Allie Wilkie, Mrs. Ray Paige.

ZION HILL—William Hudson, McKinley Baker, Mrs. Pearl Ramsey, Mrs. McKinley Baker, Fred Sain, Mrs. Marshal Buff, Mrs. Della Yancey, M. C. Buff.

ZOAR—Mattie Costner, Ottie Whitworth, Winifred Allen, Betty McNeilly, Frances Chapman, Plato Hull, Stella Luckado, Bernice Downs.

PROCEEDINGS

42nd Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association October 18, 1952

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by the Moderator, S. M. Stroupe in the Auditorium of the Henry River Baptist Church.

2. Lamont Mayes led in singing "At the Cross", after which the worship period was conducted by Buren Hasting.

3. The Moderator asked for adoption of the program for order of business for the Association. It was approved unanimously.

4. The following visitors were recognized: R. K. Redwine from Baptist Assembly, South Port, and W. C. Reid, from the Thomasville Orphanage.

5. At this time the roll call was made with 27 churches represented.

6. The report of the Executive Committee reads as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the Associational year which closed Sept. 30, 1952, three members of the Executive Committee left the Association.

Those who compose the Executive Committee are: S. M. Stroupe, J. E. Huffman, S. A. Carswell, Ralph Berry, Willie Hudson, Paul Crotts, Mrs. Claude Icard and A. V. Ledford.

The Committee met several times during the year to consider matters pertaining to the welfare of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

The Executive Committee met and discussed the advisability of securing an Associational Missionary. The lack of funds for such an undertaking made it appear unwise to employ one.

In another meeting the Committee voted unanimously to elect Mrs. Claude Icard to become Associational Clerk.

The Executive Committee endorsed unanimously the appointment of Mrs. C. E. Hudson to the office of Training Union Director.

In the last meeting of the Executive Committee S. A. Carswell was elected Treasurer of the South Mountain Baptist Association.

In the same meeting Sam Proctor was voted a member of the Executive Committee. His reply was that he could not accept the office, feeling that he could not give it justice.

S. M. Stroupe

7. The report on Christian Education was presented by William Hudson, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A short time before Jesus went back to His Heavenly Father He commanded His disciples to go and teach all nations and to teach them to observe all things which he had commanded them. However this was not the first command to teach, for the Scriptures long before this time commanded parents to teach God's word to their children. We feel that these and other commandments laid the foundation for Christian Education.

Christian Education can only be handled by those qualified for this task, for, we are likewise commanded to study to show ourselves approved that we may rightly divide the word of truth.

Through our Missionary Baptist churches we have several agencies which will enable us to receive a Christian education. Probably we should think first of home training of our children, then the Sunday school, B. T. U., Vacation Bible School, and various study courses held by our churches. These are within the reach of all.

Then there is the Summer Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest for the training of our church leaders.

To those who are interested in higher education, we would recommend our Baptist colleges and seminaries, for it is in these institutions that most of our Baptist leaders are trained.

In our own state we have access to the following Baptist colleges, Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate, and Chowan. In addition to these we have Fruitland Institute, the Nursing School connected with our Baptist Hospital, and Bowman-Gray School of Medicine. During the past year about 5,000 students were enrolled in these colleges.

Our state has made available great colleges and a University, but they are not equipped to train our religious leaders in Christian principles. This task belongs to the church.

Our Baptist schools are doing a great work in training our pastors, missionaries, and Church leaders, but their degree of success only reaches so far as our cooperation and support goes. We can uplift our Christian schools, with our students, our money and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Hudson

8. The report on Religious Literature was read by Paul Crotts and adopted as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

When we come to think of Christian Literature we mean that type of literature that Christ would approve. Paul told Timothy in I Timothy 4:13 "Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

First in any list of Christian Literature we would place the Holy Bible, and insist that all of us strive to make it a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

When we think of Christian Literature we think of literature that leads us to higher thinking and better living. If we think on a low plane we live on a low plane. We are constantly striving by Christian Literature to educate the Baptist people as to what the Baptists are doing at home and in distant lands. One must first have knowledge to conduct himself as he should. Knowledge must precede interest, interest must precede action. If this is true our greatest concern is to place in the hands of our youth such literature that will point them to Christ and Christian service.

Some of the literature that we need to read.

1—The Biblical Recorder, our state Baptist paper in North Carolina. The Biblical Recorder covers the work of our state in the Lord's Kingdom. The Biblical Recorder in our state is more than 50,000 this year, which means an increase of more than 5,000 during the last twelve months.

2—Charity and Children.

The reading program of every North Carolina Baptist should include Charity and Children, weekly publication of the Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville. The cost is so small, every church should take it. In bundles of ten or more, the cost is only sixty cents yearly, or just one dollar monthly for twenty copies every week.

3—The Commission is our Foreign Mission paper and should be in every Baptist home.

4—The Home Mission covers the work of the Baptists in the southland.

5—The Sunday School Literature from the youth up to the adults, and it is published by our Southern Baptist Convention.

6—Home Life for our extension department.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts

9. The Orphanage Report was read by Ralph Berry, spoken to by W. C. Reid, representative from the Thomasville Orphanage, and adopted as follows:

OUR 1952 ORPHANAGE REPORT

Once again time has come for your Orphanage to submit its annual report to our association. We are happy to do this because you are the one who support this host of homeless children with your love, your prayers, and your money. During the past year our Orphanage has cared for a total of seven hundred and twenty five children. In addition to these the Social Service staff investigated the applications of six hundred and eighty four children and in many instances helped to find them a home where they could be cared for. There are two major sources in which we can support this program of child care, the greatest of these is the once a month offering by the Sunday School and Churches. The other is the Thanksgiving offering. All this money is used for the support of the children. A nation, or people or religious denomination that neglects its children is signing its own death warrant. North Carolina Baptists have always been in the forefront in ministry to the dependent child. For sixty-seven years this service has been carried on through our great Orphanage.

Through the gifts of the Idol's our Orphanage has been able to complete two new buildings, a print shop, and a new Cottage at Hills Home for the girls. Also two more are underway. The Infirmary is nearing completion, and will be named The Lelia M. Idol Memorial Building. The church with forty-six classrooms is under contract and will be built as soon as steel can be secured. Our Orphanage has tried to keep us informed as to what they are doing and to their needs. Each week the Charity and Children finds its way into thousands of homes telling about the Orphanage. This is a great source of information to all interested Baptist people. We are happy to report that Baptist people have responded to this great challenge of caring for the homeless children and give them the best training that is possible.

May we pledge together to continue our support to these children with our prayers, our love, and our money in the spirit of our master who said, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me."

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry

10. The Stewardship report was read by Fred Hicks, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship at its highest can only come by the love of God being made manifest through the heart, body, and soul of an individual as prescribed by Christ in Matthew 22:37. It, being an entrusted life given to each individual by God, demands all at its best. No life can give its best without Christ as Saviour of the soul and Lord of the heart and body. Therefore man is challenged to do all for Christ and for Christ's glory.

A true steward is a tither, a regular church attender, (unless providentially hindered), and is dedicated and consecrated for the cause of Christ in home, church, school, and business. He is a wise and faithful servant who will be richly rewarded by God. Being wise in the sense of divine knowledge and faithful in the sense of obedience, permeated by love, to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Hicks

11. The report on Better Government was read by G. T. Greenway, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

BETTER GOVERNMENT

Good government is the product of the efforts of honest, sincere, and upright public officials. Public officials of this type are the product of a well organized, prayerful, and God-fearing citizenry. Christians are duty bound to lend every effort possible in informing the public regarding the type of officials who should be elected to office. It is not enough to just vote right and allow one s neighbor to go uninformed to the polls. National morals rise only when the hearts of mankind are purified to the extent that they demand that those in power recognize God in every phase of our government. Our responsibility as Christians demands that we exercise our influence for good government.

No attempt shall be made in this report to point out specifically the things we should do to foster good government. The opportunities and responsibilities in this respect vary from time to time. Our efforts in the immediate past have been expended largely in fostering movements to eliminate the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages in our state. These efforts have not been in vain in spite of the fact that powerful lobbyists controlled in many instances the votes of certain legislators. Pleas of the citizens of some counties and municipalities have been shamefully ignored when they begged the State Legislature to abide by the overwhelming desire of their locality. This condition exists because some members of our State Legislature in the past have either "sold out" to the liquor forces or were uninformed, misled, weaklings to begin with. Our only hope to cope with this and like situation is to elect men and women to positions of governmental responsibility who are of sound Christian character and have backbone enough to remain such.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. T. Greenway

12. At this time the Moderator asked all Pastors present to stand and be recognized.

13. The Association voted to accept the Philadelphia Baptist Church under the watchcare of the body for the coming year. This Church had once been Hildebran View.

14. The congregation stood and was led in a hymn by Mrs. Lania White, after which Lamont Mayes brought the Doctrinal Sermon, his subject being: "The Ascension."

15. R. K. Redwine led in prayer and the Association adjourned for lunch.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

16. The Association convened at 1:30 p. m. with Moderator S. M. Stroupe in the chair. Ottis Mull conducted the worship service after which Earnest Bustle led in prayer.

17. R. K. Redwine from the Baptist Assembly spoke briefly on the Assembly and the work of the Co-operative Program.

18. The report of the Committee on Committees was read by Mrs. Harold Smith and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

PLACE AND PREACHER: James Huffman, Lamont Mayes, Mackey Huffman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: P. M. Deal, S. A. Carswell, Ed Berry.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Ralph Berry, A. V. Ledford, M. A. Huffman.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: R. W. Hord, Fred Hicks, F. K. Davis.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lamont Mayes, Mrs. Harold Smith, Miss Lucille Upton.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Smith
Willie Hudson
John Leatherman

19. Dr. Richard Young, Chaplain from the Baptist Hospital, was introduced by the Moderator, and gave a short talk on work at the hospital.

20. Rev. J. W. Costner was recognized from the Avery Association.

21. A. V Ledford introduced Dr. Henry Stroupe (son of our Moderator) from Wake Forest. Dr. Stroupe spoke on the importance of Christian Leaders and the present program of moving Wake Forest College.

22. At this time the congregation stood and sang a hymn "Showers of Blessing," led by Mrs. Lonia White.

23. The Sunday School report was read by Guy Smith and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

During this Associational year, eleven regular monthly meetings were held. Good programs were carried out using the topics provided by the Sunday School Board.

Early in the fall, teams were organized and these visiting teams helped the churches (open to them) to set their goals for the year's work.

The Association voted to send a delegate to the Sunday School Clinic to be held at Miami, Florida. In January our associational Superintendent accompanied by Mr. Wm. Graycraft and Rev. Mayes, attended this clinic. A good report was given by them at the next meeting.

For some time the Association had felt the need for a cottage at Ridgecrest, to be used by our churches during the summer conferences there.

At the August meeting a committee was selected to find a lot and to raise funds for the building of a cottage.

About fifty percent of our churches have been active in the work of our Associational activities of the Sunday School. As the year comes to a close we feel the need of one hundred percent cooperation in this work.

May we work and pray together during the coming year for a greater desire to carry on the Master's teaching program.

The balance of the treasury from last years amount to $25.93. Collections for this year amount to $81.02 making our total $106.95. Expenses for postage and Miami trip were $72.62 leaving balance $34.33. Oak Ridge paid on Ridgecrest cottage $100.00—Total 134.33. (This does not include the October offering.)

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. William Hudson
Associational Sunday School Sec.

24. The report on Evangelism was read by A. V. Ledford, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

EVANGELISM

One of our greatest needs today is: "Development In Soul-Winning". It is an assignment of our Lord given to all Christians; and is the forerunner of churches and builder of churches. Evangelism has always been the superlative need of the people. Because of this great need Jesus came into the world "Seeking to save that which was lost". He died that we might have eternal life through him. Therefore, because of this superlative need of the people there is no substitute.

While Jesus was on earth He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost'. Also said he, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".

Are we the kind of Christians Jesus would have us be? If so, how many people have we won to Christ this year?

Today, we stand face to face with the greatest challenge of a lifetime. We have in our own state 1,670,678 white people from the Junior age up who are not in any Sunday School. Of this number we would be safe to say that 80% have never professed faith in Christ. I hope we Baptists will awake, and arise to our duty in Soul-winning.

Our many State Conventions in our south-land, and our Southern Baptist Convention for the last few years have shown great interest in Soul-Winning. Our State Conventions have elected men in every association to promote Evangelism in all the churches. However, no one man can do this job in any association alone. It takes every christian to do this great and all superlative job!

The report from our churches of the Association last year show that we had (164) one hundred and sixty four baptisms. This year he have reported to us two hundred and eleven baptisms . . . What will our report be next year? Can the Lord depend on us ? ? ? ?

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford

25. Dr. Lance, dean of men, from Mars Hill spoke briefly on the college.

26. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was given by Lamont Mayes, and reads as follows:

REPORT ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, October 15th, 16th, 1953.
Place: First Day—Bethany Church; Second Day—Mt. Vernon Church.
Preacher: Doctrinal Sermon—R. W. Hord.
Missionary Sermon—Fred Hicks.

Respectfully submitted,
James Huffman
Lamont Mayes
Mackey Huffman

27. Dr. Henry Stroupe led in prayer and the Afternoon Sessions came to a close.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

28. The second day of the forty-second session of the South Mountain Baptist Association met on October 17, in the Auditorium of the St. Paul Baptist Church. The Moderator, S. M. Stroupe, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a. m. Lamont Mayes led in singing "We're Marching to Zion", after which E. L. McDaniels brought the devoitional from 2nd Peter.

29. Visitors recognized were B. H. Parker from Sandy Run Association and Ned Hughes from the Avery Association.

30. The report on State Missions was read by J. E. Huffman, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

The goal of State Missions is to make or cause North Carolina to be Christian. In order to accomplish this purpose the state mission program embraces many activities:

Sunday School work — Making the schools we have better. This is to be done by better qualified officers and teachers and solicit those not in Sunday School and organize schools where needed.

Training Union Work—Teaches our people the Bible and helps anyone to speak of God and his word to others.

Assemblies—Where Baptists meet to be helpful to one another in our various activities.

Evangelism — State wide revivals needed, new and needy churches. We are told that our State Mission has many pressing needs but perhaps the most pressing need right now is some $50,000 with which to buy lots where new churches should be established. And another $50,000 above what is now being received for state missions with which to supplement the salaries of pastors to minister to the churches and thus get the work going. Let it be remembered that state missions is not just one object but is a program of many activities. We are told by those in position to know that a special offering during September and October $150,000 is perhaps the greatest need of our North Carolina Baptist program.

About forty per cent of the total State Mission budget is devoted to the teaching and training of the vast multitudes of our people in the churches. We refer to the Sunday School, Training Union, and student divisions.

Again, let it be pointed out that about one third of the total State Mission budget provides for the purchase of lots for new churches and for helping with the salaries of pastors for these new churches as well as for pastors of older churches in places where the people are not able to take care of the salaries. So as we as Baptists meet the many needs of th activities of State Missions will determine the honor it will be to God and the blessings it will be to the people of North Carolina and of the world today.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

31. The report on Home Missions was read by B. B. Brooks, spoken to by him, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our Home Mission Board with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., is now serving in its one hundred eighth year.

Having as its ultimate goal (That the world may know) Him who in Matt. 18:19-20 said go ye therefore and teach all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; And, Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The Home Mission Board is doing work from Alaska to Central America, and Cuba, also in the cities and in the mountain areas are doing Evangelistic work, establishing churches, and helping them secure pastors.

The Home Mission Board has work among Spanish speaking Americans (Mexicans) Indians, French, Italians, Chinese, and other language groups.

When we consider the size of the field (White already to harvest), the 925 Missionaries (or laborers) are few. Let us Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the harvest field.

While the war in Korea, and other world conditions are hindering our mission work in China, and other foreign countries, let us strengthen the Home front, for after all our foreign mission work can never rise above the spiritual, and moral standard of our people at home. Neither will we have much influence abroad unless we at home know and serve the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Brooks

32. The report on Foreign Missions was read by Earnest Bustle, spoken to by him, and adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The last words of our Lord to his disciples were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". Mark 16-15.

He said ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15-14. He said again, if a man loves me he will keep my words, John 14-23. Our Lord is depending on the church to give the whole gospel to the whole world. It is our task. Let us shoulder the responsibility. There was only $11.48 given by each person, on average, for church purposes that year, and $51.47 for whiskey, $15.00 for movies and $21.80 for cigarettes.

Our responsibility is to go forth reaping, sowing the precious seed that we may come again rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. Sin is ruining this world, there is but one remedy, the gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes.

Our hearts desire and prayer to God for the world should be, that the world might be saved.

We should dedicate ourselves afresh to the cause of missions to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. Bustle

33. The Woman's Missionary Union report was presented by Mrs. S. A. Carswell, in the absence of Mrs. Eugene Glass, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The loss of both our Superintendent and Associate Superintendent during the year greatly handicapped the work. However, we are happy to report we are holding our own, although our gifts are low through special offerings. Never-the-less, we have some societies who report a great work in Community Missions. They have visited the sick, taking flowers, fruits, and trays, helping the needy, paying for hot lunches for underprivileged school children, and trying to win their lost friends to Christ. This is witnessing at Home.

We had a number of girls and boys to attend camp at Gardner-Webb and Ridgecrest. The Results? I was told, six of our young people dedicated their lives to Christian service. One Associational Coronation Service was held at Icard Church in May, which proved to be an inspiration to all of our young people, and we hope to crown more Queens this next year.

As we look upon the fields which are white already to harvest, may we rededicate our lives anew in this Great Crusade for Christ, for truly we have come to the Hour of Decision.

34. Missions as a whole were spoken to by Miss Jenny Lee Laughridge.

35. The Baptist Hospital report was read by M. A. Huffman, spoken to by him and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"And He healed many that were sick." Mark 1:34

This statement refers to the ministry of Jesus when he was here in the flesh. It also describes the ministry of our Baptist Hospital where sick folk go each week for treatment. In many cases they go as a last resort. What can our Baptist Hospital do to help them? It is our opportunity through our Mother's Day offering to help the needy.

Many of the people who come to us for help have little or no money but they must be helped.

The construction of the new wing to the hospital is now well advanced. This will greatly enlarge our ministry to the sick and will add a hundred and fifty new beds and many other badly needed facilities.

Let us give our best in the name of the Lord to help those who need so much.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. Huffman

36. This being the time for the Missionary Sermon, the congregation stood and sang "Standing on the Promises", led by Lamont Mayes, after which Pastor Seth Ivester brought a heart-warming missionary message.

37. At this time an offering was taken for State Missions in the amount of $51.66.

38. B. R. Holbrook, new pastor of Bethany Church, led in prayer and the session adjourned for lunch.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

39. The Association convened at 1:30 p. m. with Moderator S. M. Stroupe in the chair. Lamont Mayes led the singing and B. R. Holbrook brought the devotional from St. John.

40. A love offering was taken for M. A. Huffman in the amount of $52.00 and was presented to him by A. V. Ledford.

41. The Treasurer's Report was read by S. A. Carswell in the absence of the Treasurer, and reads as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Printing of Minutes	$140.00
Clerk	85.00
Printing of Programs	20.00
American Bible Society	20.89
TOTAL	$265.89

Respectfully submitted,
William Graycraft

42. The report on Relief and Annuities was read by J. R. Huffman, spoken to by him, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—1952

The reports, reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board, presented at the annual meeting of the Board in Dallas, on March 12th, showed 1951 to be a year of continued progress and enlarged service to our Southern Baptist constituency.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. Robert S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer—investments.

Total income for 1951 was $5,144,134.29, with total benefits paid, amounting to $1,559,438.69. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1951 were $23,333,014.10.

In spite of more intensive promotional work on the part of the several states and of the Relief and Annuity Board, there is yet much to be done to broaden the protection of the Ministers Retirement Plan. Far too many pastors are retiring without any source of income and thus adding to the burden of the relief department. In 1951, the relief department spent more in ten states than it received. The deficit in these states could only be met by drawing upon the relief reserves. The relief department cannot continue to meet these deficits by reducing the relief reserve fund. This situation can and must be corrected. Two suggestions are made which should help in overcoming these deficits.

First, more of the churches should follow the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a Fellowship Offering for ministerial relief on the first Sunday in June, or at such time as convenient to the church.

Second, each state should consider setting a date after which time no pastor would be eligible for assistance from the relief department who had not been a member of the Ministers Retirement Plan. A pastor who rfuses to join the plan has no right to expect the denomination to provide for his needs when he is forced into retirement because of ill health or old age when he refuses to make some ef-

fort to provide, with the help of his denomination, something for himself. Unless something like this is done, the relief load will continue to increase when it should decrease from year to year.

The retirement boards of the other major denominations require that a pastor be a member of some contributory retirement plan before he is considered eligible for assistance from relief funds.

A pastor who lacks three to five years of reaching retirement age, can join the Ministers Retirement Plan and enjoy an age annuity on retirement, far beyond what he would receive if he were placed on the relief roll. Every active pastor should take advantage of the opportunity which his denomination has provided that he may not face a penniless old age.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Huffman

43. The report on North Carolina Baptist Home for the Aging was read by J. A. Buchanan, spoken to by him, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING — RESTHAVEN, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Operation of Resthaven was begun March 16, 1951. Soon after the opening, it was filled to capacity, twenty residents. When the news spread of the beginning, applications began to accumulate rapidly. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. Had there been rooms available, and all applicants could have made financial arrangement, our Home would have had 200 residents instead of only twenty at present.

There is encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for fifteen additional residents. The cost of this enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set, and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our residents range in age from 64 to 92 years, and come from widely scattered sections of our State—Franklin to Elizabeth City. All rejoice in the opportunity to be in the Home. Here are some of their statements:

"I like this good Christian Home and all the family. I would not exchange it for any other in all the world.'—Mrs. J. L. Smith, coming from Franklin.

"This 'more than we expected' about this Home makes us all hope and pray that more men and women may come to enjoy its many blessings."—Miss Ella Moffett, coming from Southern Pines.

"I never thought I would be so happy in my last years of life."—John Holt, age 92, coming from Wilson Mills.

In spite of the fact that Resthaven did not receive financial assistance last year from the Baptist State Convention (except a loan which was repaid), it was operated clear of a deficit. How did this happen? By the Lord laying our needs upon the hearts of friends and causing them to respond. Of course, the Home was compelled to charge the cost of keep from this source, together with that coming from residents giving property or cash for their maintenance, plus donations by churches and auxiliary organizations and friends, enabled the Home to pay its way and to accumulate assets in excess of $100,000.00.

Beginning the year 1952, with the new Nine Year Program, our Home receives three-fourths of 1% of the funds to be divided. From this source has come less than $500.00 per month since January of this year. The Home is estimated to receive a total of approximately $500,000.00 in NINE YEARS. It is apparent, therefore, that slow provision for enlarged facilities will be made to accommodate the hundreds of aging people who want to come to our Home, unless funds come from other sources than our denominational program as it now operates.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700,000 in membership, we are well able to make such provision. If every Baptist would give an average of $1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise $700,000.00 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reason-

able to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

Many suggestions have been made as to the best plan of supporting our Home. Among them are: (1) Fifth Sunday offerings through the Sunday schools, as the Virginia Baptist Home plan; (2) special day offering, as the Mother's Day plan for our Baptist Hospital; and (3) putting the Home in the local church budget, and appealing to the churches that have no budget for at least one special offering a year.

Either of these plans, supplemented by such special gifts as may come from individuals and corporations, and provision made in wills, would enable the Home to make reasonable progress, and thus enlarge our facilities on the pay-as-you-go plan.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". (Matthew 25:40).

Respectfully submitted,
J A. Buchanan

44. The report on Temperance and Public Morals was presented by Fred Hicks, and adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

Temperance which used to mean self control has lately become more widely known as abstaining from the use of intoxicants, such as whiskey, beer and wine. Much has been done to abolish the sale and use of intoxicants in the past year by our church and state working through elections, legislation, education, law enforcements, and rehabilitation! but not enough.

This year through election five counties have abolished beer and wine overwhelmingly. Two A.B.C. elections were held, one county going wet by a small margin, and the other going dry.

Through education the church and public schools are teaching the damaging effects of intoxicants to their congregation and pupils.

Through legislation it seems that the dry forces have the majority in both the house and the senate.

Through law enforcements, bootlegging is decreasing and through rehabilitation clinics on counceling alcoholics are being held.

The FBI reports a thirty-two percent increase in crime since the repeal of the National Prohibition Laws, a fifty-two percent increase in women sentenced to Federal prison since repeal. Most of this increase has been rightly contributed to alcohol, others to drugs.

In drugs alone, from 1947 to 1950—a three year period, a two thousand percent increase of teen age drug addicts have been admitted to government hospitals. Other addicts are yet to be admitted. The menace of drugs to our young people alone has already promoted stealing, murdering, and prostitution, not counting the broken lives for the next generation.

Crime is on the move in the United States with public morals at its lowest. The American people have forgotten that sin is still sin, and still unchanging to its death dealing blow.

Divorces, prostitution, gambling, drinking, profanity, lying in advertisement, and adultry are displayed as a common acceptance to our young people today by radio, television, movies, newspapers, comic strip and ungodly immoral literature.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Hicks

45. The Memorial Service was conducted by Johnnie Smart, Pastor of Zoar Church.

46. Time was given A. V. Ledford, to which he urged all churches to send donations to Baptist Hospital to help build the badly needed south wing.

47. B. R. Holbrook read the report of the Associational Mission Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer, and reads as follows:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION TREASURER

Balance in Treasury October 1951 ..... $116.40
Received as Interest 3.28
Disbursements ..... None
Balance in Treasury October 1952 ..... $119.68

We have in our Association twenty-eight churches. No mission work whatsoever was carried on this year on an associational level.

We feel that this situation should not exist as the Baptist State Convention will match our contributions for associational missions dollar for dollar. If the twenty-eight churches in our Association would be willing to contribute ten dollars each to the mission fund, we could employ an associational missionary at least during the summer months.

We strongly urge this association to appoint a committee of five to be responsible for selecting and employing an associational missionary for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Perry Abernethy
Treasurer

48. At this time J. M. Hayes, from the Baptist Home for the Aging, made a talk on the progress of the Home and what it means to our old people.

49. The Association voted to let the Executive Committee appoint a representative for the Home for the Aging.

50. The report on The American Bible Society was read by S. M. Stroupe and adopted as follows:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Church has the Bible to give to a world that is groping for light and begging for help. Its first responsibility is to its own members, that they may center their lives in the Bible. Its next responsibility is to its own community or its own nation. Then the Church, like its founder, must have a world vision and seek to give the Bible to all nations.

In these days of economic insecurity, racial and national tensions, world enslavement and threatened war, the world desperately needs that which the church has to offer—the Bible.

The help given by the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention has enabled the American Bible Society to extend the spread of the message of Jesus to many nations in many languages.

In Hawaii almost one million volumes of Scripture have been distributed, in 67 different languages. Germany and Japan are receiving millions of volumes of the Bible because of the help extended to the American Bible Society by Southern Baptists.

Knowing the value of the Bible in our homes and in our churches, we should be moved with compassion for a troubled and distressed world and once a year, at least, contribute to the American Bible Society, for the giving of the Bible to the world.

Submitted by,
S. M. Stroupe

51. The report on Vacation Bible Schools was read by Lamont Mayes, in the absence of Mrs. C. E. Hudson, and reads as follows:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

We are indeed happy to see that more of the leaders in our churches and association are taking advantage of the many opportunities they have of teaching and training our boys and girls in Vacation Bible Schools. They are realizing more and more the great necessity of teaching and training these boys and girls while they are still young.

We wish to thank the workers for their co-operation in attending and supporting our Vacation Bible School clinic held in May at the Icard church. We do

believe it was of much help to those attending.

In our Association this summer we had ten schools. We are glad to report one new school. Hildebran View had its first school, and we are indeed grateful to the workers of Mull's Chapel for conducting this school.

A total of 662 boys and girls and 114 teachers and workers were enrolled in the ten schools. Henry River had the largest enrollment with 133 pupils. The highest grade made on the Standard was "C" made by both Bethany and Berea. Contributions amounting to $84.14 were designated to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C., and the Co-operative Program. There were three (3) professions of faith and thirty (30) dedications.

From these reports we can see the great work that was carried on in our Vacation Bible Schools this summer. May the Lord bless and reward each one who had a part in making these schools possible.

A goal of fifteen schools has been set for the South Mountain Association and may we strive to reach that goal in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. E. Hudson

52. Report of the Nominating Committee reads as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee, recommend to the body the following names as the officers of this Association for a new year.

S. M. STROUPE—Moderator.
J. E. HUFFMAN—Vice Moderator
S. A. Carswell—Treasurer.
MRS. CLAUDE M. ICARD—Clerk.
GUY SMITH—Sunday School Superintendent.
MISS LUCILLE UPPTON—Training Union Director.
MRS. ED HUDSON—Vacation Bible Schools.
M. A. HUFFMAN—Hospital Representative.
W. M. HUDSON—Orphanage Representative.
A. V. LEDFORD—Evangelism.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry
M. A. Huffman
A. V. Ledford

53. The Resolution Committee's report reads as follows:

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTTEE

For the opportunities we have had of working together in an effort to magnify Christ we are sincerely grateful. Our hearts are made to rejoice for the efforts and successes of our pastors and Christian workers in carrying on the work of the Master in our Association.

As we have had brought to us an overall view of our accomplishments during the past year and a challenge to greater effort in the future, may we pledge anew our loyalty, support and cooperation in the coming year. To our visitors and those participating in the program may we say that your presence and comments have been an inspiration to do greater things for the Lord.

Be it resolved, that we, the officers, messengers and visitors to the South Mountain Association, express to the pastor and members of the Henry River and St. Paul Baptist Churches, our sincere appreciation to them for their hearty welcome, their considerations and courtesies which have contributed so much to our well being, and for the bountiful lunches which have been so graciously provided for us during this our forty-second session of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Lamont Mayes
Miss Lucille Uton
Mrs. Harold Smith

54. At the request of J. E. Huffman, the Association voted unanimously to go on record as opposing the advertisement of intoxicating

beverages on radio and television.

55. The report of the Baptist Training Union was read by Ralph Berry, in the absence of Claude M. Icard, and adopted as follows:

B. T. U. REPORT

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." How familiar these words are to Christians that have long been associated with B.T.U. work.

As we look over our work for the past year, we find that our B.T.U. organizations have made progress in almost every respect. Though we have made progress, we will find that it has not been too great a progress, and that we have probably fallen short of what the Master expects of us.

Southern Baptists organized the B.T.U. for the purpose of training more workers and teachers for our church work. During the past year we have seen some of the fruits of our B.T.U. organizations. More and more of our younger people are becoming leaders and teachers in our Churches. These same young people are proving that they are not only capable but that they are consecrated to the task of working for the Kingdom of God.

Not only have our young people proved themselves, but our adults have shown that our B.T.U. also has a place for them.

We would like to express our appreciation for our officers and leaders of our B.T.U. work in the Association. The Association has been an inspiration to us all to strive for higher goals.

Southern Baptists have always found strength in numbers, when that number was consecrated and united and working for one common cause. That cause being to teach and train more workers for the winning of lost souls to Christ.

Though we have made progress, may we all in looking over our work for the past year, pray earnestly that God might give us strength and wisdom for the new year, that we might do still more in our Training Union Work.

Respectfully submitted,
Claude M. Icard

56. The congregation stood and was led in prayer by J. M. Hayes and the Forty-Second Session of the South Mountain Baptist Association came to a close.

S. M. STROUPE, Moderator
MRS. CLAUDE M. ICARD, Clerk

MINUTE FUND

ABEE'S CHAPEL	$15.00
BEREA	7.50
Bethany	15.00
Beulah	9.00
Carswell Memorial	10.00
CONNELLY SPRINGS	15.00
CORINTH	7.00
Henry River	20.00
ICARD	20.00
MT. HEBRON	12.00
Mt. Vernon	20.00
Mt. Zion	6.00
Mulls Chapel	15.00
OAK RIDGE	15.00
Olive Grove	9.10
Philadelphia	5.00
PLEASANT GROVE	8.00
Pisgah	12.00
ST. JOHN'S	5.00
St. Paul	10.10
SHOUP'S GROVE	10.00
SOUTH FORK	6.00
WALKER'S CHAPEL	7.00
Wilkie's Grove	6.30
ZION HILL	10.00
ZOAR	5.00

IN MEMORIAM

ABEE'S CHAPEL	Mrs. Charlie H. Lowman
BETHANY	Mrs. W. F. Foster Mrs. D. A. Hutto
CONNELLY SPRINGS	Mrs. John Lowman
HENRY RIVER	Mrs. Lee Smart
OAK RIDGE	Mr. Frederick Webb
OLIVE GROVE	Miss Vinnie Smith
PLEASANT GROVE	Mrs. Lula Hudson Mrs. David Watts Mrs. George McNeilly
ST. PAUL	Mr. John F. Newton
SHOUP'S GROVE	Mrs. Lula Powell Mrs. Hattie Cannon Mr. John Shuford Mr. Litus Childers
SOUTH FORK	Mr. Curtis Propest
WILKIE'S GROVE	Mrs. Catherine Hildebran Mr. J. Lesley Hudson
ZION HILL	Mrs. Mary Jane Pruette

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters and Other Additions	Losses: Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total: Total Resident Members	Total: Total Non-Resident Members	Total: Grand Total Present Members	Special Information: Revival Meetings Held	Special Information: Number Tithers	Special Information: State Paper In Budget	Special Information: Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Special Information: No. Known Roman Catholics to Join
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2-4	Horace Harris, Lenoir	8	8	4	132		132	1	18			
Berea	Rural	1947	All	Forest Davis, Casar	11	16	16	43	32	75	2		No	No	
Bethany	T	1885	All	B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran	4	11	7			369	1	60		No	
Beulah	Rural	1905	1-3	Godon Schrum, R-5, Lincolnton	3	7				127	3	13		No	
Carswell Memorial	Rural	1888	2-4	B. B. Brooks, R-1, Mooresboro	1	6		52	6	58	2		No	No	
Connelly Springs	V	1899	All	Lamont Mayes, Connelly Springs	4	1	6	131	51	182	2	25	No	No	
Corinth	Rural	1884	1-3	J. O. Mull, R-3, Vale			2			171	2	2	No	No	
Henry River	V	1940	All	Fred F. Hicks, Hildebran	35	8	18	159	55	214	2	46	No	No	
Icard	V	1918	All	A. V. Ledford, Icard	9	2	11	227	30	257	2	60	No	No	
Mt. Gilead	Rural	1888	1-3	B. B. Brooks, R 1, Mooresboro	4			62	62	124	2		No	No	
Mt. Hebron	Rural		All	S. M. Stroupe, R-1, Connelly Springs	2	1	19	94	55	152	1	33	No	No	
Mt. Vernon	Rural	1924	All	R. W. Hord, R-1, Vale		7	10	171	64	235	1	23	No	No	
Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	All	Roy Walker, Cherryville	4	1	2	77	98	175	2		No	No	
Mulls Chapel	Rural	1871	2-4	J. E. Huffman, R-2, Vale	6			114	6	120	2	9	Yes	No	
Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	All	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	13	9	4	133	38	171	2	53	No	No	
Olive Grove	Rural	1884	All	W. L. Blanton, Belwood	10	2	4	142	73	215	2		No	No	
Philadelphia	Rural	1946	1-3	Gilbert Buchanan, Gen. Del., Morganton	22	2		40	2	42	1		No	No	
Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2-4	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory		1	5	62	19	81	2	1	No	No	
Pisgah	Rural	1840	2-4	Seth Ivester, R-3, Lawndale	8		8	82	52	97	1				
St. John's	Rural	1842	2-4	Buren Hasting, R-1, Casar	12	1	15			77	2		No	No	
St. Paul	Rural	1870	1-3	Buren Hasting, R-1, Casar	8	1	6	252	164	416	2				
Shoup's Grove	Rural	1890	All	Earnest Bustle, Icard	19	12	4			148	2	18	No	No	
Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	1-3	Billy Blanton, Casar	3		1			68	2		No	No	
South Fork	Rural	1937	1-3-5	J. Astor Buchanan, Spruce Pine	9	3	1			114	2	12	No	No	
Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	1-2-3-4	W. L. Blanton, Casar	2	2	1	148		148	3	7	No	No	
Wilkie's Grove	Rural	1893	2-4	Chissie Smart, Connelly Springs	8	2	7			154	1	2	No	No	
Zion Hill	Rural	1882	1-3	J. E. Huffman, R-2, Vale	3	1	4	169	60	229	2	29	No	No	
Zoar	Rural	1937	1-3	Johnnie Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs	6	3	1	57	22	79	2	3			
Totals					214	107	156	2347	889	4430	51	414			

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Sunday School Enrolment											V. B. S.		
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrolment
Abee's Chapel	G. W. Abee, R-1, B-348, Connelly Springs	10	16	12	10	15	12	36	27		2	140	No		
Berea	Hansel Bryant, R-2, Connelly Springs			26	25	13	18	23	24			129		1	67
Bethany	Nick Burns, Hildebran		9	23	31	35	42	20	92	20	5	277	No	No	98
Beulah	Marcus Waggner, R-3, Vale			20		11	10	18	10	25		94	Yes		
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton			7		8	14	11	10			50	No		
Connelly Springs	Claude M. Icard, Rutherford College	3	10	17	20	18	22	10	61	22	2	175	No	1	65
Corinth	A. G. McNeilly, R-1, Casar			25	10	13	22		30			100			
Henry River	Ben Raby, Henry River	12	13	58	30	45	29	72	52			311	No		144
Icard	Clarence Berry, Icard		13	31	16	27	28	44	71		4	234	Yes	1	75
Mt. Gilead	Gene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs			20		16	16		18		3	73			
Mt. Hebron	Roy Cook, R-4, B-172, Morganton		15	15	34	27	19	11	52	4	3	186	Yes		58
Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, R-2, Vale			18	14	22	10	37	50	10	4	165	No		
Mt. Zion	Bulan Short, Casar											175			
Mulls Chapel	R. D. Shuford, R-3, Vale	16		17	11	14	13	23	20		4	118	No		59
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, B-132, Connelly Springs	5	9	13	14	19	28	46	49	10	4	196	Yes	Yes	82
Olive Grove	Eugene Walker, R-1, Casar			15	20		29	23	17			104	No		
Philadelphia	Richard Franklin, R-1, Connelly Springs			7	10	20	30		16			83			68
Pleasant Grove	C. A. Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs			10	20	6	7	7	14			64	No	No	
Pisgah	N. W. Pruett, Casar			11	9	10	12	8	26		7	83	No		
St. John's	Frank Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs			25	11	9	11	19	24		7	106			
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Belwood			25	30	27	39	37	95		5	258			
Shoup's Grove	Garland Seagle, R-2, Connelly Springs	14		37	27	46	8	50	35	6	2	246	No		
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, R-1, Connelly Springs		10	10	13	15		23	36			107			
South Fork	Allen Stafford, Icard			13	10	9	16	25	26			99	No		
Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, R-4, Morganton			13	19	18	10	22	23			105	No		
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R-4, Hickory			12	10	21	23	13	45			115			
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs			28	22	30	33	24	92		7	236	Yes	1	69
Zoar	Eugene Luckadoo, Casar				25	14		15	26			80			
Totals		60	95	508	441	508	501	617	1041	87	59	4109		4	785

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abee's Chapel																			
Berea	Earl Church, R-1, Connelly Springs		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		10	12	12	4	10	13		61	28
Bethany	Conrad Brittian, Hildebran			1	1	1	1	2	6			3	15	22	6	26	2	74	43
Beulah																			
Carswell Memorial																			
Connelly Springs	Agnes Smith, R-2, Connelly Springs			1	1	1	1	1	5	2	2	8	4	6	5	13	3	43	
Corinth																			
Henry River	Lawson E. Childers, Henry River			1	1	1	1	1	5			11	12	27	22	16	3	91	47
Icard	Mrs. John Church, R-1, Connelly Springs			1	1	1	1	1	5			8	12	13	7	14	2	55	40
Mt. Gilead																			
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs			1	1	1	1	1	5			9	7	4	4	6	1	30	24
Mt. Vernon																			
Mt. Zion																			
Mulls Chapel																			
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Leonard Beach, R-2, Connelly Springs	1			1	1	2	1	6	10			4	12	13	11	3	53	52
Olive Grove																			
Philadelphia																			
Pleasant Grove																			
Pisgah																			
St. John's																			
St. Paul																			
Shoup's Grove																			
Smart's Grove																			
South Fork	Mrs. Louise Abernathy, R-4, Hickory		1		1	1	1	1	5		13		7	13	10	9	2	54	30
Walker's Chapel																			
Wilkie's Grove				1	1	1	1	1	5			11	17	11	18	18	2	77	50
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, R-3, Lawndale																		
Zoar																			
Totals		1	2	7	9	9	10	10	48	12	25	62	90	112	95	126	18	538	314

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G.A. Units	R.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	R.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abee's Chapel															
Berea	Mrs. Hansel Bryant, R-1, Connelly Springs	1					1	15					15		
Bethany	Mrs. John Johnson, Hildebran	1	1	1			3	23	10	8			41		19
Beulah															
Carswell Memorial	Celia Carswell, R-4, Morganton	1		1	1		3	14		10	12		36		
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, R-2, B-2, Connelly Springs	1					1	10					10	10	8
Corinth															
Henry River	Mrs. L. L. White, Hildebran	1		2			3	19		32			51		21
Icard		1	1	2	1	1	6	25	10	21	18	9	83	29	12
Mt. Gilead															
Mt. Hebron															
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. D. M. Tallent, R-2, Vale	1				1	2	24				30	54	34	14
Mt. Zion															
Mulls Chapel															
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Ralph Berry, Connelly Springs	1					1	28					28	10	12
Olive Grove															
Philadelphia															
Pleasant Grove															
Pisgah															
St. John's															
St. Paul															
Shoup's Grove															
Smart's Grove															
South Fork															
Walker's Chapel															
Wilkie's Grove															
Zion Hill	Mrs. Ruth Baker, R-1, Connelly Springs	1						13					13		
Zoar															
Totals		9	2	6	2	2	20	171	20	71	30	39	331	83	86

TABLE E. BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING—GOALS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Brotherhood				Building		Goals
		Enrollment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Number Class Rooms	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Co-operative Program or Unified Budget New Year
Abee's Chapel				7		9524.74		
Berea				4				
Bethany				17		45000.00		
Beulah				5		20000.00		
Carswell Memorial						4000.00		
Connelly Springs				7	5000.00	20000.00		10% of Inc.
Corinth				4		13000.00		
Henry River				13	6114.85	24302.00	3893.56	10% of Gifts
Icard				12	6000.00	25000.00		
Mt. Gilead								
Mt. Hebron					5000.00	9000.00		
Mt. Vernon				11	10000.00	30000.00	500.00	10% of Gifts
Mt. Zion				8		10000.00		
Mulls Chapel				6		10500.00		
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, B-132, Connelly Springs	16	12	8		18300.00	1292.79	135.00
Olive Grove				9		8000.00		
Philadelphia								
Pleasant Grove				6		5000.00		
Pisgah								
St. John's								
St. Paul				12				
Shoup's Grove				9		16000.00	48053.13	
Smart's Grove				5		5000.00		
South Fork				6			391.97	
Walker's Chapel				8		10200.00		
Wilkie's Grove				8	2000.00	20000.00	3200.00	
Zion Hill								
Zoar				4	15000.00		6000.00	
Totals		16	12	169	49114.85	282674.00	23331.45	135.00

TABLE F. GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Local Gifts		Mission Gifts								Grand Total Gifts			
		Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans' Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, Etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, B-27, Valdese	3438.48	835.00			55.50	33.78	33.77	442.17	35.68	72.65		231.38	4504.86
Berea	Mrs. Hansel Bryant, R-2, Connelly Springs	3280.00	1575.00	5.00		3.25	8.00	20.75		25.00	65.00		109.00	4964.00
Bethany	Jones Abernathy, Hildebran	6817.67	3165.00	1280.00		76.20	126.43	91.04		65 80	207.88		1847.39	11830.06
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, Hickory	1171.81	814.85				253.00			15.30	99.00		367.30	2353.98
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. W. O. Carswell, R-4, B-160, Morganton	633.70	475.00	63.00			9.00				47.00		155.00	1010.69
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, R-2, B-2, Connelly Springs	1548.50	3380.00	203.42		81.00	40.35	67.00		92.17	128.00		611.94	5540.44
Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar	118.20	589.08				75.70			12.16	11.55		99.41	806.69
Henry River	Lawson E. Childers, Henry River	4314.10	2321.37	509.00		43.50		24.25	4.00	20.00	28.00		628.75	7264.22
Icard	Miss Julia Carswell, Icard	9341.95	3380.00	720.09		90.00	22.90	38.00		225.68	127.08	290.34	1514.09	14236.04
Mt. Gilead	Gene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs		360.00								10.00			10.00
Mt. Hebron	Harold C. Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs	2322.06	1680.00	100.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	104.00		25.00	80.00	384.00	4386.06
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	3654.93	1300.00	365.96	21.75	67.70	16.00	40.00		52.10	25.15	1814.42	2403.07	7358.00
Mt. Zion	Claud Lindsay, R-1, Casar		448.60	49.93						55.00		197.55	751.08	751.08
Mulls Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, B-120, Hickory	4075.24	1072.95	140.00		50.00	15.00			80.00	49.72		315.02	5463.21
Oak Ridge	Miss Wilma Anderson, Connelly Springs	3925.54	2395.95	201.39		70.00	47.00	49.11	25.00	126.57	165.00	23.40	707.47	7028.96
Olive Grove	C. L. Crotts, R-1, Belwood	4216.42	1035.00							34.00	27.11	152.00	213.11	5464.53
Philadelphia	Bill Lowman, R-1, B-288, Connelly Springs	308.57	360.00								39.03		39.03	707.60
Pleasant Grove	Schuyler Huffman, R-4, Morganton	409.28	590.00								26.50		26.50	1025.78
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	2212.60	910.00	40.00						120.00	75.00	55.00	290.50	1979.56
St. John's	Mrs. Ruby Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs	693.12	375.84							12.40	23.20		35.60	1140.16
St. Paul	Delbert Walker, B-13, Falston	1941.00	758.10			30.00	25.57			60.00	85.57		201.04	2900.14
Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, R-1, Connelly Springs	972.07	1114.89	55.00						75.00			130.00	2216.96
Smart's Grove	Billie Lail, Connelly Springs	1260.28	400.00								15.00	220.38	234.38	1495.66
South Fork	Mrs. D. D. Propst, R-4, B-778, Hickory	1322.25	1815.00					58.00		22.50	25.62	74.74	180.84	3318.00
Walker's Chapel	Miles Carswell, R-4, Morganton	50.00	1240.00					10.00		58.77	10.13		118.90	1368.90
Wilkie's Grove	Cletus Paige, R-4, Hickory	2427.14	1431.06	50.00						26.77	20.00	23.00	119.77	3977.97
Zoin Hill	Mrs. Louellen Daves, R-1, Connelly Springs	2063.03	972.79	72.29		48.00	10.00	20.00	8.00	58.53	70.47	27.54	319.83	3355.00
Zoar	Everett Costner, Casar	918.00	342.00			10.00	3.52	7.48		13.34	16.55	416.81	467.70	1707.70
TOTALS		63435.94	35137.48	3855.08	21.75	650.15	711.25	484.40	583.17	1286.77	1495.21	3375.18	12700.10	108166.25

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1954 Sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 14-15)

First Day —— Shoupe's Grove
Second Day - Walker's Chapel

Forrest Davis will preach the Doctrinal Sermon
B. R. Holbrook will preach the Missionary Sermon

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association".
2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.
3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.
4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.
5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.
6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.
7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.
8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.
9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed, and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.
10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.
11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication ot each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.
12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committed to an Executive Booard of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.
(b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.
(c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Board.
(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.
(e) Two successive absences from the regular meetings of this Board without satisfactory explanation on the part of any member shall automatically render his place on the Board vacant.
(f) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.
(g) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Business.
13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.
14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.
15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules Of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.
3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER

1. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by the permission of the Association.
2. No subject which has been decided by the Association shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move reconsideration.
3. Churches that make application for membership in the Association shall be received under the watchcare for one year, then, if they prove to be sound in faith and cooperative in our denominational work, shall be received into full fellowship.
4. All questions be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

S. M. Stroup, Moderator.....Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
B. R. Holbrook, Vice-Moderator.....Hildebran
S. A. Carswell, Treasurer.....Icard
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk.....Hildebran
Paul Crotts, Sunday School Superintendent.....Rt. 3, Lawndale
J. E. Huffman, Assistant.....Rt. 2, Vale
Earl Konkle, Training Union Director.....Connelly Springs
Lucille Upton, Assistant.....Rt. 2, Vale
Jinnie Lee Laughridge, Vacation Bible School.....Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Eugene Sherrill, Assistant.....Box 132, Connelly Springs
Mrs. W. J. Smart, W.M.U. Superintendent.....Hildebran
Mrs. R. W. Hord, Assistant.....Rt. 3, Vale
M. A. Huffman, Hospital Representative.....Icard
W. M. Hudson, Orphanage Representative.....Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
E. E. Hoyle, Home For The Aged
Representative.....144-33rd St., N.W., Hickory
A. V. Ledford, Evangelism.....Icard

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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A. V. Ledford.....Icard
Earl Konkle.....Connelly Springs
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook.....Hildebran

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Mrs. W. J. Smart—Superintendent.....Hildebran
Mrs. Ralph Berry, Assoc. Superintendent.....Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Mrs. Arthur Whisenant—Secretary & Treasurer.....Icard
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook—Young People's Leader.....Hildebran
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Mrs. Marie Shook—Literature Chairman.....Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Mrs. Raymond Burns—Carver School of Missions.....Hildebran
Mrs. Jones Abernethy—Margaret Fund.....Hildebran
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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Paul Crotts—Superintendent.....Rt. 3, Lawndale
J. E. Huffman—Assoc. Superintendent.....Rt. 2, Vale
Mrs. W. M. Hudson—Secretary & Treasurer.....Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Chester Eggers—Chorister.....Hildebran
Phyllis Burns—Pianist.....Hildebran

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

S. M. Stroupe
J. E. Huffman
A. V. Ledford
S. A. Carswell
Ralph Berry

COMMITTEE OF FIVE

S. M. Stroupe
Guy Smith
J. E. Huffman
Lamont Mayes
B. R. Holbrook

CHURCHES AND THEIR MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Odell Setzer Mrs. Nellie Lowman, J. A. Willis, Mrs. O. C. Carter, Mrs. Beulah Parker.

BETHANY—Boyd Owens, J. R. Huffman, Jones Abernethy, Mrs. Jones Abernethy, Howard Abernethy.

BEULAH—E. A. Rurisill, Mrs. E. A. Rudisill, A. J. Yancey, Frank Sain, Gordon Schrum.

BEREA—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spann, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tomlinson, Mrs. Viola Bryant, Mrs. Ida Tomlinson.

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, C. R. Poteet, Mrs. C. R. Poteet.

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Edsel E. Hoyle, Mrs. Ivey Bumgarner, Paul Cranford, Ed Berry, Miss Edna Lail.

CORINTH—C. S. Botts, Dewitt Hoyle, Grady McNeilly, Beuna Canipe, Mavis Hunt.

DROWNING CREEK—Fred V. Ellis, Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mrs. Everette Joplin.

HENRY RIVER—Mrs. Vance Brittain, Mrs. Willie Brittain, Mrs. Clyde Houston, C. P. Sain, Lamont Mayes.

HILDEBRAN VIEW—Haywood Hoyle, Ivey Hoyle, May Brittain, Walter Hudson, Addie Hudson, Betty Hudson.

ICARD—Will Justice, Lottie Carswell, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. H. C. Williams, Mrs. Dale Wilson.

MT. GILEAD—Bill Parker, Mrs. Bill Parker, Mrs. Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Mike Lail.

MT. HEBRON—Roy Cook, Garland Hildebran, Ruth Hoyle, Vera Stroupe, Esther Lagle.

MT. VERNON—M. C. Davis, Jesse Houser, D. C. Upton, R. W. Hord.

MT. ZION—Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Short, Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Short, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lindsay.

MULL'S CHAPEL—Mrs. W. E. Keller, W. E. Keller, W. L. Rhoney, Mrs. H. D. Rhoney.

OAK RIDGE—Dewey Duckworth, Ben Zimmerman, Mrs. Gilbert Chavis, Eugene Sherrill, Mrs. John Stephens.

OLIVE GROVE—John Cook, Mrs. Flora Cook, P. M. Deal, Johnnie Walker, Dewey Walker.

PHILADELPHIA—Richard Franklin, Gete Brittain, Meadie Franklin, Sallie Reep, Deadie Fredal.

PLEASANT GROVE—Lula Huffman, Mrs. Thelma Swink Hudson, Mrs. Cordie Martin, Joe Walker.

PISGAH—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nanney, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker, Mrs. Dick Hoyle.

SHOUPE'S GROVE—Mrs. Elsie Childress, Mrs. Edna Seagle, Mrs. Lillian Childress, Mrs. Guy Rogers, E. O. Bustle.

ST. JOHN'S—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McNeilly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoyle.

ST. PAUL—Marion Benfield, Hubert Towery, Roy Hastings, Marvin Newton, Charles Rich, Clarence Downs, R. C. White, C. H. Crotts, Ralph White, Hubert Cook.

SMART'S GROVE—Bessie Hildebran, Flora Lail, Beulah Lail, R. E. Moses, Mary Moses.

SOUTH FORK—Mrs. Irene Greenhill, Rosalie Young, Allen Stafford.

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Brintie Arrowood, Tessie Wellman, Mackie Huffman, Ramon Keller, Clee Huffman, Gilbert Carswell.

WILKIE'S GROVE—W. E. Clark, Mrs. Alice Wilkie, Mrs. Ray Paige, Mrs. P. E. Young, Mrs. Texie Brittain, J. G. Burns.

ZOAR—Mr. and Mrs. Grady Luckadoo, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lail, Mr. and Mrs. Plato Hull.

ZION HILL—W. M. Hudson, Fred Sain, Pearl Ramsey, Annie Mitchem, Pearlie Wright.

THOSE VISITING WITH US

M. H. Kendall ..... Mars Hill
C. W. Bazemore..... Raleigh
W. A. Smith ..... Winston-Salem
Earl Bradley ..... Raleigh
Jimmie Hayes ..... Winston-Salem
Alfred Abernethy ..... Catawba Association
C. R. Upton ..... Gaston Association
Marse Grant ..... Mills Home

PROCEEDINGS

Of The South Mountain Baptist Association of North Carolina Held With Bethany Baptist Church, Hildebran, Thursday, October 15, 1953 And With Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Vale Friday, October 16, 1953

FIRST DAY—Thursday, October 15, 1953, 9:30 A. M.

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by the Moderator, S. M. Stroupe at Bethany Baptist Church.

2. The congregation sang, "We're Marching To Zion", led by J. P. Sweet. The opening devotional service was conductced by B. R. Holbrook.

3. The Moderator asked for adoption of the program for order of business. It was approved.

4. At this time the pastors were asked to sit in a body at the front. Earl Konkle, new pastor of Connelly Springs was introduced to the Association.

5. M. H. Kendall from Mars Hill College Bible Department was recognized.

6. S. A. Carswell read the report of the Executive Committee. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On Oct. 21, 1952 The Executive Committee of the South Mountain Baptist Association met at Zion Hill church. Rev. J. E. Huffman led in a devotional service. S. A. Carswell served as clerk for the meeting. After some preliminary matters were discussed, the Executive Committee agreed to meet quarterly, however this agreement was not carried out. The Moderator was asked to use the privilege of calling a meeting any time it seemed to be necessary.

Meetings were held in several different churches during the year for the purpose of informing our people concerning the great movement in our Southern Baptist Convention to win "A Million More in '54" to our Sunday Schools.

The Executive Committee assisted the Associational Sunday School Supt. in this responsive movement. Committees were appointed to set the work in motion in our Association.

Meetings of the special church committee for a million more in '54 were held with the following churches: Mt. Hebron, Zion Hill, St. Paul, Pisgah and Icard.

In August, the Executive Committee met at Zion Hill church. After prayer was offered a business session was called. The resignation of the Associational clerk, Mrs. Claude Icard, was accepted. In the same meeting the name of Mrs. B. R. Holbrook was presented for clerk. The Committee voted unanimously for Mrs. Holbrook to serve as Associational clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Carswell

7. The report on Christian Literature was read by R. C. White. M. H. Kendall discussed the subject, and the report was adopted.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Our first thought in regards to Christian Literature should be the Holy Bible, and insist that all strive to make it "A Lamp unto our feet and a Light unto our path." When we read Christian Literature it leads us to higher and better living. If we think on a low plane, we live on a low plane "For as he thinketh in his heart so is he." Proverbs 23-7.

Baptist have compelling reasons for giving major attention to Religious Literature, for it is designed to promote Bible study, lead to personal faith in Christ, cultivates Christian character and develops faithful workers and skillful leaders in our churches. Paul goes on to admonish young Timothy, "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." It therefore becomes the responsibility of all to encourage the careful choosing of all reading matter.

We have our state paper, the Biblical Recorder, it has served our churches of North Carolina since 1833. Charity and Children published by our Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville for 65 years, it has been a blessing and an inspiration to all who have read it. We have a Southern Baptist Home Mission published by our Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Also The Commission published by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. It is our recommendation that the churches of our Association take renewed steps to see that the Christian Literature becomes a more vital part of our Christian experience.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. White

8. Perry Abernethy read the report on Stewardship and led the discussion. After further discussion by B. R. Holbrook and A. V. Ledford the report was adopted.

STEWARDSHIP

October 18th through 25th 1953 has been designated as Christian Stewardship week.

In order to have an effective stewardship program in our Churches these seven simple steps in a program of work in any Church, whether small or large, rural or urban may follow:

The seven steps are —

(a) Teach Bible Stewardship
(b) Enlist Tithers
(c) Plan Church Finances
(d) Increase co-operative program
(e) Ask every member to give
(f) Make offerings weekly
(g) Handle funds wisely

The objective of this program is to reach every member within the bounds of our convention with the message of Christian Stewardship.

The twenty-two state convention and all our Southern Baptist Convention agencies are co-operating in this plan.

We urge you to adopt a planned program of Stewardship in your Church.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. Abernethy

9. The pastors were recognized by the Moderator. Each one stood and gave their name and their church. Seventeen were present.

10. The report on Sunday School was read by Guy Smith who opened the discussion. M. A. Huffman and J. E. Huffman continued the discussion and the report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Early in the year teams were selected to visit all churches open to them to present the year's program and to assist in setting goals. Each church was requested to select a committee to improve Sunday School attendance. The Southern Baptist Convention had outlined a program to win a million souls to the Sunday Schools

in '54. Several meetings were held along this line to familiarize the churches with this program. A goodly number of the churches sent representatives to these meetings.

During the year eleven regular monthly meetings were held, with about 50 per cent of our churches attending. We were glad to welcome Drowning Creek, a newly organized church, into our meetings.

The association sent a delegate, Mrs. Eugene Sherill, to the Sunday School clinic in Kansas City.

Our committee on selecting a lot for a cottage at Ridgecrest has been busy trying to find a suitable lot.

All told, we consider this a good year, but we should strive to make the good better. We regret to report that we have not had 100 percent cooperation from the churches in our association.

Let us, as workers, pray that more laborers will be sent into the vineyard in the coming year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount in Treasury, Oct. 1, 1952	$ 34.33
Offerings	67.86
TOTAL	$102.19
Expenses	
Kansas City Clinic	$ 70.63
Postage	18.72
TOTAL	$ 89.35
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1953	$ 12.84
Ridgecrest Cottage Fund	$127.93

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Smith, Supt.
Mrs. Wm. Hudson, Sec.-Treas.

11. The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Committee on Committees—A. V. Ledford, R. C. White, D. C. Upton.
Petitionary Letters—S. A. Carswell, Guy Smith, J. E. Huffman, Roy Cook, Philmore Deal.

12. The Program Committee called attention to the fact that thirty minutes had been alloted for the lunch to be spread. They asked that no one leave the building during the message that was to follow.

13. J. P. Sweet led the congregation in singing. Prayer by J. E. Huffman.

14. A stirring message was brought by R. W. Hord, his subject, "The Authority of the Church of the Lord Jesus".

15. The Association recessed for lunch, benediction by R. W. Hord.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

16. Moderator S. M. Stroupe called the Association to order at 1:30 p. m.

17. Song "Showers of Blessings" led by Chester Eggers. The devotional period led by Forrest Davis.

18. Among the visitors recognized were C. W. Bazemore, Asst. Editor of the Biblical Recorder and W. A. Smith, Chaplain at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

19. The Baptist Hospital report was presented by M. A. Huffman read by A. V. Ledford. W. A. Smith most ably discussed the report and it was adopted.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1953

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," was the leper's plea that touched the heart of Jesus. A like plea from the sick multitudes who need help has touched the heart of North Carolina Baptists. Our ministry through our Baptist Hospital is our answer to this call.

More than ten thousand patients were cared for in our Hospital last year, while thousands of others were seen in the Clinics. Almost half of these were service patients, unable to pay the full cost of the care they received. These included old people at the sunset of life and little children at the dawn of life, mothers, fathers and young people. They included persons who had to have help if they were to carry on as mothers and wives in their homes, if they were to work as fathers and husbands to support their families, if as young people they were to be set free from handicaps for life, if as old people they were to be spared for additional years and from much of the suffering which often attends old age. With all the advance of medical science, there is still much that it cannot do; but our Baptist Hospital is making a large contribution toward the saving of life, the relieving of suffering, and the bringing of good health for those who need it most.

From all over North Carolina there is a constant stream of afflicted people coming seeking our help. Our Hospital provides skilled specialists for them in the various fields of medical care. The demand is so great that it is never safe to go without an appointment in advance. The schedules of the Clinics and doctors are almost always completely filled by appointments made days and weeks and often months ahead. If it is an emergency case the family doctor should call the Hospital and talk with a doctor there who will arrange for the patient to come as soon as possible.

One of the most important parts of the program of the Hospital is the spiritual ministry it provides. This is necessary if the full needs of a sick person are to be met. Our Hospital has trained chaplains who render an effective ministry for the sick, guidance for the nursing and medical students, and training for pastors and Christian workers.

Three floors of the New Hospital Wing are nearing completion and should be ready for use this year. This will provide urgently needed space and facilities. If any church in the Association has not contributed its part toward the building of the New Wing, we hope this will be done at once.

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus replied, "I will." You and I answer, "I will", if we give as we should in our Mother's Day Offering. This determines how much help we provide for those who are sick and have little or no money. Let all of us answer with a generous, "I will", next Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. M. A. Huffman

20. The Association voted to accept the following churches into the fellowship of Association, Drowning Creek, Hildebran View and Philadelphia.

21. The report of the Committee on Committees was read by A. V. Ledford and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Place and Preacher—Ralph Berry, Paul Crotts, W. M. Hudson.

Finance Committee—J. Perry Abernethy, Ed Berry, A. H. Whisenant.

Nominating Committee—B. R. Holbrook, Ruffin Short, R. W. Hord.

Program Committee—F. K. Davis, H. R. Harris, Buren Hasting.

Resolution Committee—Mrs. Paul Crotts, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. D. C. Upton.

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford
R. C. White
D. C. Upton

22. Christian Education report was read by G. T. Greenway who opened the discussion. After further discussion by M. H. Kendall, from Mars Hill College, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In making a report on Christian Education to this Association it is necessary to allot most of our time and space to the work of our institutions within our own state of North Carolina. We must not forget, however, that we are Southern Baptist and that we have a part in the functioning of all Baptist institutions within the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Souhern Baptist Convention gives financial support to the seven Baptist Seminaries that operate within its bounds. The 62 colleges and academies, however must look to the conventions of the states in which they are located for financial aid. Last year there were 4,727 students enrolled in our seminaries and training schools, 35,404 in the senior colleges and universities, 9,865 in the junior colleges, and 2,664 in our academies and Bible schools. This gave us a total of 52,660 students in all our Southern Baptist institutions.

The total property value of these institutions as of 1952 was $97,000,000 and they had an endowment in excess of $47,000,000. The figures, of course, have increased substantially since that time.

We are, however, primarily concerned today with the work within our own State Convention. North Carolina Baptist have seven college, two senior: Wake Forest and Meredith; and five junior: Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan. Last year the total enrollment in these colleges was in excess of 5,000. A pproximately 10% of these were ministerial students. In addition to this number, there were some 300 students being trained for full time Christian service.

These seven colleges have an annual operation budget of approximately $4,000,000. North Carolina Baptist, through the Cooperative Program, supply about 10% of this cost. This is a little less than $100 per student per year. In addition to this financial aid for operational expenses, the Convention is providing another $200,000 through its Nine-Year Advance Program to help the colleges with their capital outlay.

Our greatest task this year is the raising of $1,500,000 in the churches for the removal program of Wake Forest College. This was authorized by the State Convention in 1946 and is the last authorized special campaign in the churches for any one of our institutions. Tentative plans are to move Wake Forest to Winston-Salem in 1955. The work on the new campus is progressing as rapidly as can be expected when we consider the program of removal as a whole. It is an enormous task; and only by God's guidance can we expect its completion as scheduled.

It is well to remember, however, that our institutions and the funds that we give for their support are but a means to the end that we may train young men and young women for the place that they will take as leaders in our churches and communities in the not too distant future. As Baptist of North Carolina, we are morally obligated to furnish the means and spiritual support to every Baptist institution that has as its fundamental purpose the strengthening and enlightening of the spiritual life of the youth of our state. No other group or organization can or will relieve us of this obligation.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. T. Greenway

23. Special singing was rendered at this time by Phyllis Burns, Genie Abernethy and Dorothy Abernethy of Bethany Baptist Church.

24. Time was granted C. W. Bazemore to enable him to discuss Christian Education, which had already passed over.

25. The Baptist Training Union report was read and discussed by Lucille Upton, and adopted as follows:

TRAINING UNION REPORT

A minister in California, to whose home a Japanese boy came seeking employment as a house boy was having a hard time getting the lad to understand that he did not have enough work to keep him busy. The boy's reply was this: "But Sir, you'd be surprised how little work it takes to keep me busy."

A missionary, who because of his thorough knowledge of the Orient from having served for a number of years, was approached by an executive of a large oil company and offered a job with a much larger salary than he was then receiving. The missionary refused offer after offer even though the salary was raised by the thousands. Finally the missionary was offered a signed blank check on which he could write his own amount. The missionary made this reply: "Please don't misunderstand me. Your salary is big enough, but your job is not. I am working for God and that is the biggest job in the world. I could not accept a smaller one."

Typically, our church members can be divided into two groups: those who require so little work to keep them busy, and those who feel that any small service they can render to Christ is the most important job in the world.

Truly the best agency for giving practical experience to church members is the Training Union. It affords them an opportunity to train for better church membership. Will you join hands and hearts with leaders in your church to do your share in making your Training Union succeed.

May we lay hold with increased effort, greater determination, and renewed faith the task which God has given us that in all the churches in the Association a Training Union might become a permanent organization and that, in all we do, we might strive to put "Christ Above All".

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Upton

26. The report on Evangelism was presented by A. V. Ledford and after discussion by him the report was adopted.

EVANGELISM

The spreading of the good news of salvation and the winning of souls to Christ is the work of the church. When we do anything in our work of the church that does not point toward that we have missed the sole purpose. "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." That is what Christ came for. "The tree is know by his fruit." Something is wrong with us if we are not working at the job of soul winning. "Go and make disciple," was the last command of our Lord before he ascended into heaven, and it is binding.

There were multitudes when Jesus was on earth; there are multitudes on earth today. We are informed that we have 30,000,000 people in our Southern Baptist territory, from the age of nine and up, who are not professed christians. We have a great challenge before us and that challenge we must meet. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Therefore, we must give the light unto the world: we have what the world needs.

The record of our churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention is gratifying. In our own association much effort in soul winning has been expressed. Last year our 28 churches reported 214 baptisms. We did not have in hand the number of baptisms closing out our associational work for the year October 1, 1952 - September 30, 1953. However we feel that a greater number have been added to the churches this closing year than the year before.

It seems that our work is just begun, and our slogan is—"A Million More In '54."

May the Lord lead us on and on to greater victory.

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford, Chairman

27. The Association is adjourned with prayer led by H. R. Harris.

SECOND DAY—Friday, October 16, 1953, 9:30 A. M.

28. The Association was called to order for the second day's session at 9:30 a. m., by the Moderator, S. M. Stroupe at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

29. Lamont Mayes led in singing "This Is My Story", after which Chester Smart brought the devotional service.

30. Among the visitors recognized were Earl Bradley, State Worker from Raleigh, C. R. Upton from Gaston Association and Alfred Abernethy from Catawba Association.

31. At this time the reports for Missions were called for. Boyde Owens gave an oral report on Associational Missions.

32. State Missions report was read by Paul Crotss and discussed by him.

33. Home Missions report was brought by Ralph Berry and discusssed by him.

34. Foreign Missions report was read by Lamont Mayes and discussed by him, after which all the reports were adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Since the organizing of the Baptist State Convention, State Missions has been centered in the thinking of Baptist life in North Carolina. Most of the churches in North Carolina have been aided in one way or another through the State Missions Program. Within the past fifteen years some four hundred new churches have come into existence, and State Missions has helped perhaps three-fourths of them. For one hundred years aid has been given in helping pastors salaries in new churches located near and far. The activities of State Missions are all about us, Jesus said "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." This should be a challenge to each of us as North Carolina Baptists to go or help them that can go. Our goal needed for this year is ($101,000).

We have in our State Mission Board 3,000 Churches. First we might think of our Sunday School, "A MILLION MORE IN '54," then Training Union, Student Union and Evangelism. Starting from the sea shore one could, in a day of driving along our good roads, see Caswell Assembly, drive past numbers of churches whose pastors are being supported in whole or part by State Missions Funds. We can stop and chat with several Associational Missionaries, see church buildings located on lots purchased with State Missions Funds. Visit the camps of one or more of our Junior Colleges, stop in at the Convention headquarters in Raleigh to be greeted by our General Secretary, visit the heads and office personnel of each department, call on the staff of the Biblical Recorder, drive on the campus of both of our Senior Colleges, visit the Orphanage, the Hospital, the Home For The Aging, look in on Fruitland Pastors School. Let us remember that State Missions is not on object but eighteen.

It is hoped that each Pastor and each Sunday School Superintendent, along with the teachers in the Sunday Schools, will get behind the program in October and get the greatest offering that has ever been made for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Soul-winning is the chief aim of Home Missions. The achievement in this field is encouraging. The reports show 30,565 conversions in the ministry of home missionaries. In addition to conversions reported by missionaries there were 11,284 professions of faith under the leadership of 425 chaplains in the armed

forces. Also there were 6,626 conversions reported in crusades led by the personnel of the Home Mission Board's evangelistic staff.

With full co-operation on the part of other Convention agencies the Home Mission Board enlarged its BSU work among Negroes to serve all Negro colleges and seminaries through the services of Dr. S. E. Grindstead as Southwide BSU secretary.

Our homeland is sick and needs a physician. We need one who will heal us of all our infirmities. We have that One and the remedy is the Saviour of the world. He came to bring peace and good will to all men. He preached, taught and healed all that would trust Him. He then choose His disciples to carry on the work He left this work in their hands. He gave them a great Commission. He told them to begin at Jerusalem (where they were) and to carry His Gospel to the ends of the earth. We must begin at Home where we are, Home Missions is the starting point and the springboard for all other Missions.

The fields of Home Mission territory are white unto harvest. What are we going to do about the lost in our homeland?

My prayer is that we will go witnessing with our lips, our possessions, and with our money to those who know not Jesus as their Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, the Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, has said that the objective of our foreign missionaries is to "lead people to a personal faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour, to bring them together in Churches for worship of God and service in his kingdom, to teach and train them in stewardship and in co-operative service, and to aid them in developing their own schools and institutions for training their pastors and other church workers."

Working toward that objective, the missionaries have been chosen from varying professions—ministerial, medical, educational, religious education, publication, social welfare, and others.

Southern Baptists have 911 foreign missionaries, as of June 1, 1953, distributed in 32 countries: Argentina 44, Brazil 180, Chile 32, China (Hong Kong and Macao) 48, Colombia 30, Costa Rica 4, Ecuador 6, Formosa 26, Gold Coast 6, Guatemala 10, Hawaii 47, Honduras 4, Indonesia 16, Israel 13, Italy 10, Japan 98, Jordan 5, Korea 13, Lebanon 6, Malaya 9, Mexico 30, Nigeria 159, Paraguay 16, Peru 4, Philippines 25, Southern Rhodesia 12, Spain 6, Switzerland (seminary) 9, Thailand 15, Uruguay 12, Venezuela 8, Spanish Publishing House 8.

To maintain these missionaries and the institutions in which they serve, Southern Baptists gave in 1952—through the Co-operative Program, Lottie Moon Offering, and Special designated gifts—$7,785,699.64.

About 29 per cent of the missionaries are ordained ministers, of whom a third serve as pastors of churches. Most of the ministers serve as field missionaries, extending the gospel message far beyond the cities in which they live. All missionaries are active in churches on the field in which they serve. They join with 195,067 national Baptists, including 1,276 national pastors, in making the almost 2,000 churches on the mission field dynamic Christian forces in their neighborhoods. Those churches reach 205,901 people through their Sunday Schools, and 96,099 young people through their Training Unions. During 1952 the churches baptized 18,154 new converts.

About 48 percent of the missionaries are engaged in some form of educational work. Southern Baptists maintain 460 schools, including 17 theological seminaries and six women's training schools. Enrollment in them totals 61,705.

Respectfully submitted,
Lamont Mayes, Jr.

35. Jimmie Hayes, Superintendent of "Rest Haven" at Winston-Salem, discussed the work there. He also informed us that we would have a Home For The Aged in Albemarle in the near future. The property has ben purchased and is being remodeled.

36. Dr. Earl Bradley gave an interesting and informative discussion

on the Co-operative Program. May we have a better understanding of what it means to our denomination.

37. Report on Woman's Missionary Union was read by Mrs. W. J. Smart and adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Woman's Missionary Union watch word is: "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples"—Psalm 96:3.

The purpose of Woman's Missionary Union is to win souls and to meet the other spiritual needs in the community. The object of Woman's Missionary Union is to distribute missionary information and stimulate missionary effort; to secure the earnest, sympathetic co-operation of women and young people in giving money for the mission program of the Southern Baptist Convention. To this end we would enlist and develop our women and young people in the practice of the following fundamentals: prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world missions, tithes and offerings, community missions and missionary education of young people.

We are happy to report that the work has gone forward this year. We have one new society with 35 members. As we look upon the fields which are white already to harvest, may we dedicate our lives anew to Christ that we may go forward for Him in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. J. Smart

38. Baptist Orphanage report was read by B. R. Holbrook in absence of W. M. Hudson and after a brief discussion by M. A. Huffman and Mrs. B. R. Holbrook the report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

The past year has been a good one for our Baptist Orphanage. During the year the orphanage cared for 728 children. In addition to this the Social Service Department helped to adjust 214 children with relatives, and thus prevented them from having to be cared for in our institution.

Our orphanage program includes Mills Home of Thomasville, Kennedy Home of Kinston, Mother's Aid and Boarding Homes. The Baptist of our state probably provide more services for children than any similar group in our nation.

Our orphanage children attend the public schools of Thomasville and La Grange. These children are well adjusted, and their records compare favorably with other pupils in these schools.

During the year 80 children professed faith in Christ and were baptized. The greatest building program in our history has recently been completed. The following buildings have been added: new cottage, print shop, infirmary and the I. G. Greer Recreational Building. The new church will be completed soon. Many old buildings have been remodeled. The recent building program was made possible by money left by the late Robert Idol.

The income for the year is slightly better than that of the previous year. Truly we can say "GOD HAS BEEN GOOD".

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. Hudson

39. The congregation was led by Lamont Mayes in singing "Send The Light".

40. Missionary message was brought by S. M. Stroupe. The subject "A Visit to Calvary".

41. After announcements by the Moderator the morning session was closed by prayer led by C. R. Upton.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session

42. The Association convened at 1:300 p. m., with Moderator S. M. Stroupe in the chair.

43. Lamont Mayes led the singing and Buren Hasting conducted the worship period. Prayer was offered by W. A. Costner of Gastonia.

44. Report of Temperance and Public Morals was read by E. O. Bustle and most effectively discussed by him. The report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

There is a woe already pronounced on every one that participates in the whiskey business in any way. Habakkuk; 2-15 says: "Woe unto him that gives his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and makes him drunken also".

The Baptist say we could do great things if we had nine hundred million dollars to use for Christ. The survey shows that there was over nine billion spent for whiskey in 1952, and that was just the beginning of the expenses that follow the drink habit.

The crimes that follow are the cost that really counts. Low morals are caused by results of drink, crimes are at the highest as a result of loose living, wrong voting and whisky is the forerunner.

It is not the young people's fault. They did not repeal the 18th Amendment, they did not build the road house and they were not licensed to sell intoxicating drinks. They are not responsible for the Sunday movies and the children are not responsible for the evil they see on the TV, or the gambling devices that are set up as a jackpot.

We as parents and leaders had better awake out of our sleep, or there will be blood required at our hands at the judgment.

Respectfully submitted,
E. O. Bustle

45. R. C. Nanney presented the report of The American Bible Society, after discussion by him the report was adopted.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

If the most of us were asked to define The American Bible Society, we would more than likely come up with something like this. "The American Bible Society is an Christian Organization for the distribution of the Holy Bible to foreign countries." This of course would be a very good definition, but the duties performed and the Christian services rendered by the Society every day, year in and year out, are far greater and more pentrating than those that appear on the surface.

For instance, the press of the Society are at present rolling out 332,000 illustrated copies of the Gospel of John, to be sent to Korea. The first copy of this book will be presented to President Sigmon Rhee, by General James A. Van Fleet, illustrating the good will of the American people.

The Society is a non-profit organization distributing Bibles far and near, at cost or below. They print a Bible in Braille for the blind, which includes 20 volumes. This Braille Bible retails in stores for $60.00 or more but can be obtained from the Society for a fraction of the retail price, in some cases without charge.

The Society exists for just one purpose, that is to make the Holy Word of God, available in the language of the people and distributing them to the people without purpose of profit.

One of the books sent to Korea was an illustrated copy of Luke in magazine form. This book is now being widely used as a text book in Korean schools. This is sure more than we can say for the part the Gospel has in our schools. These are but a few of the many, many services rendered by the Society, that we hear very little about. But the point is, they are striving to the uttermost to make God's Holy Word, a "lamp unto the feet" of every one, even in the remote spots of the world.

Beloved, if the Holy Word of God in the form of Tracts, Gospel Books and the Holy Bible are not widely circulated unto the multitudes who have never had

the blessing of receiving God's Holy Word in any form, I cannot help but wonder what will become of us as a Nation. For Christ has commanded us to take His Holy Words into the uttermost parts of the world. And for us a thought along these lines, is such a one as to cause "Solemn Reflection", on the part of us all as Christians.

For if the Gospel is not sent or taken to those who have it not, then the error will indeed be made. If God and His Holy Words are not made known and received, then the devil and his works will surely gain the minds and hearts of the people. If we fail our duties as Christians, one of which is seeing that the Holy Word reaches those who have it not, then the literature of corruptness and evil print will.

So Beloved, let us contribute as we have means to do so unto the American Bible Society. We cannot individually do very much in buying and sending the Gospel abroad but we can, and we must give, and give freely to the American Bible Society. Not only give but be continuous and liberal with our prayerful support for an organization doing a wonderful Christian work, for the unbuilding of God's Holy and Blessed Coming Kingdom. The American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Nanney

46. Vacation Bible School report was read by Mrs. B. R. Holbrook and discussed by her. The report was adopted as follows:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

We regret to report that every church in our Association did not have a Vacation Bible School this year. We did have an increase in the number of schools over last year, for which we are grateful.

We wish to express our appreciation to the workers in the schools this year. The co-operation in attending and supporting our Clinic in April at Mt. Hebron made us know you were interested in the work.

In our Association this year we had thirteen schools, including Drowning Creek our youngest church.

A total of 928 boys, girls and workers were enrolled in the schools. Bethany had the largest enrollment 147, Henry River the second largest 129. We are glad to report two AA schools, Drowning Creek and Bethany, and two B schools, Henry River and Berea. Mission offerings, amounting to $144.61, were given to the Co-operative and Foreign Missions.

The reports show that much work was done, but may we not measure our work by what has been done, but by what needs to be done.

We are indebted to Miss Jinnie Lee Laughridge for her interest and help along with every faculty member that worked so willingly this year. A goal of sixteen schools has been set for 1954, can we depend on you to help us reach that goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

47. The Moderator presented Marse Grant, editor of Charity and Children, who discussed life at Mills Home. The group of pictures shown were very interesting.

49. R. W. Hord presented the report of the Nominating Committee and it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee of the South Mountain Association, recommend to the Body the following names as the Officers of this Association for the year 1954.

Moderator ..... S. M. Stroupe
Vice-Moderator ..... B. R. Holbrook
Treasurer ..... S. A. Carswell
Clerk ..... Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Paul Crotts

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent ..... J. E. Huffman
Training Union Director ..... Earl Konkle
Assistant Training Union Director ..... Lucille Upton
Vacation Bible Schools ..... Jinnie Lee Laughridge
Assistant Vacation Bible Schools ..... Eugene Sherrill
W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Mrs. W. J. Smart
Assistant W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Mrs. R. W. Hord
Hospital Representative ..... M. A. Huffman
Orphanage Representative ..... W. M. Hudson
Homes For The Aging ..... E. E. Hoyle
Evangelism ..... A. V. Ledford

50. The report of Minister's Retirement Plan by Clarence Berry was read by A. V. Ledford and adopted.

THE MINISTERS RETIREMENT PLAN

There are several thousand pastors within the Southern Baptist Convention who have not yet become members of the Retirement Plan.

Our Ministers Retirement Plan began in 1940, and many pastors and churches have intended to secure membership, but for various reasons have failed to get in.

Every church should enter the Plan and urge its pastor to enroll without delay. Pastors lacking only a few years of retirement age can, with the help of the denomination, earn for themselves small annuities.

This plan is the method of our denomination for taking care of its retired and disabled ministers. The denomination must have the cooperation of the pastor and his church.

After December 31, 1953, pastors in active service who refuse to enter the Ministers Retirement Plan will no longer be eligible for assistance from the Relief Department.

Who is entitled to membership in the Ministers Retirement Plan? All full time pastors cooperating with our Southern Baptist Program. Full time workers in our cooperating churches.

To receive the greatest benefits, the pastor pays into the retirement fund four per cent of his stated salary, the church pays an equal amount and the Convention pays about eighteen dollars per year to each member regardless of the amount paid by the pastor and church.

Pastors who plan to give their time to the preaching of the Gospel should immediately plan to secure membership.

The Convention is planning to make an intensive effort to enroll every active pastor during the months before Jan. 1, 1954.

In the South Mountain Association, there are several pastors who should cooperate with their churches and with the Baptist State Convention in working out a satisfactory plan for membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Berry

51. E. E. Hoyle read the report of Home For The Aged and it was adopted as follows:

REPORT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING - 1953

The youngest member of our Baptist family of institutions, the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., has had the best year since it began operating, March 16, 1951.

Resthaven, with space for twenty residents, has been filled to capacity. The number of inquiries for rooms has increased into the hundreds.

The Home received its best financial support. The share received from the Nine Year Program (1952) was $12,062.80; our first Special Day offering, February 15, exceeded $52,000; and from individuals, churches, and auxiliary organizations we have received $12,380.33, as of August 1st.

The response to the first Special Day offering for the Home was most encouraging. More than half of our 3055 Baptist churches responded. About seventy-

five per cent of the amount came from the smaller churches.

Considering the short time our Home has been operating (2 years), and the fact that this was the first opportunity to appeal to our churches for a special offering, all of us should be encouraged by the response. Our next Special Day offireng, February 21, 1954, should amount to $100,000.

On June 18, this year, property was purchased for a Branch Home at Albemarle. This property, consisting of a vacated hospital building and a nurses' home building and nearly three acres of land, was purchased for $25,000. It will cost an equal amount to renovate the property. Even so, it is well worth twice the amount invested. Thus, we can care for 60 residents—20 at Resthaven, Winston-Salem; and 40 at the Albemarle Home.

At the time of purchase, it was hoped that the branch home would be ready for operation by October 1, this year.

The general health of the residents has been exceptionally good, considering the range of their ages, 66 to 93. There has been only one death this year. The spirit and the general attitude of the residents have been most satisfactory.

There are many evidences of increasing interest in our Homes. Pastors, conducting worship services, have brought delegations from their churches to share the inspiration of worship with our residents. Auxiliary and Sunday school groups have frequently visited us to conduct devotional services. Gifts of supplies and cash are often received from these various organizations.

Plans for the future enlargement are encouraging. With a general Special Day offering in February, 1954, and other special gifts from individuals and corporations, we should be ready to begin construction of our administration building, which would give us room for fifty additional residents, and making our total capacity 110 residents.

Since North Carolina Baptists now number more than 700,000 members, with thousands of our constituency now over 65 years of age, we should keep in mind the great number of our elderly brethren who need a home to provide security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. Our North Carolina Baptists are able to meet the challenge to make adequate provision for the aging, and as "laborers together with God", we can meet it.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth"—Psalms 71-9.

Superintendent Hayes requests that a representative for the Baptist Homes be elected at each Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Hoyle

52. Memorial Service was conducted by B. B. Brooks.

53. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was given by Ralph Berry, and reads as follows:

REPORT ON TIME PLACE AND PREACHER

Time: Thursday and Friday, October 14th, 15th, 1954.

Place: First Day—Shoupe's Grove; Second Day—Walker's Chapel.

Preacher: Doctrinal Sermon—Forrest Davis; Missionary Sermon— B. R. Holbrook.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry
Paul Crotts
E. O. Bustle

54. The Resolution Committee's report reads as follows:

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTTEE

Be it resolved that we, the officers and messangers of the South Mountain Association, express to the pastors and members of the Bethany and Mt. Vernon Baptist Churches. Our sincere appreciation for the bountiful meal and entertainment so graciously provided for us during our forty-third session of our Association.

To all the visitors appearing on the program, we highly appreciate their words,

inspiration and their presence. To those that rendered special music making our meeting more inspirational.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. V. Ledford
Mrs. D. C. Upton
Mrs. Paul Crotts

55. Prayer by J. E. Huffman closed the Forty-Third Sessions of tne South Mountain Baptist Association.

S. M. STROUP, Moderator
MRS. B. R. HOLBROOK, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury October 1952	$394.28
PAID OUT:	
Minutes	160.00
Clerk	75.00
Postage	5.00
State Missions	50.00
Balance in Treasury October 1953	104.28

MINUTE FUND

Abee's Chapel	$ 15.00
Bethany	20.00
Beulah	6.00
Berea	15.00
Carswell Memorial	10.00
Connelly Springs	15.00
Corinth	7.00
Drowning Creek	3.00
Henry River	20.00
Hildebran View	5.00
Icard	20.00
Mt. Gilead	2.50
Mt. Hebron	12.00
Mt. Vernon	20.00
Mt. Zion	8.00
Mull's Chapel	15.00
Oak Ridge	15.00
Olive Grove	7.15
Philadelphia	6.00
Pleasant Grove	8.00
Pisgah	15.00
Shoupe's Grove	10.00
St. John's	5.00
St. Paul	12.00
Smart's Grove	10.00
South Fork	8.00
Walker's Chapel	7.00
Wilkie's Grove	4.50
Zion Hill	10.00
Zoar	7.50

TO THEIR MEMORY

Those who have answered the roll call since September 30, 1952.

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Mr. Willie D. Lowman (elder).

BETHANY—Mr. Richard (Dick) Evans, Mr. W. F. Foster, Mrs. T. A. Giles.

BEREA—Mr. Clyde Spann, Mr. Maynard Spann.

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Mr. Joe Wilson, Mr. James Lowman.

CORINTH—Mr. N. D. Walker.

HENRY RIVER—Mrs. Mides Greenhill.

ICARD—Mrs. Era Eckard.

MT. HEBRON—Mr. Kelly Huffman.

MT. VERNON—Mr. J. G. Leatherman, Mrs. Ella B. Pendleton.

MT. ZION—Mr. E. E. Bridges (deacon), Mr. John Chapman, Mrs. Martha Wall.

OAK RIDGE—Mrs. Max Decker.

PHILADELPHIA—Mrs. Marston Huffman.

PLEASANT GROVE—Mrs. George McNeilly.

SHOUPE'S GROVE—Mr. Monroe Townsend, Mr. R. L. Arney.

ST. JOHN'S—Mrs. Rhodia Wright, Mrs. Elsie Tallout.

ST. PAUL—Mrs. John Rich.

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mr. Carl Arrowood.

ZION HILL—Mr. Perry Propst, Mrs. Fannie Self, Mr. George Williams, Mr. Melvin Spake.

ZOAR—Mrs. Nellie Patterson.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastors

Abee's Chapel—H. R. Harris ..... 311 Prospect St., Lenoir
Bethany—B. R. Holbrook ..... Hildebran
Beulah—Gordon Schrum ..... Rt. 5, Lincolnton
Berea—Forrest Davis ..... Box 378, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial—B. B. Brooks ..... Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Connelly Springs—Earl Konkle ..... Connelly Springs
Corinth—J. O. Mull ..... Rt. 3, Vale
Drowning Creek—Fred Ellis ..... Rt. 5, Box 240, Hickory
Henry River—Lamont Mayes ..... Hildebran
Hildebran View—John R. Abee ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Icard—A. V. Ledford ..... Icard
Mt. Gilead—B. B. Brooks ..... Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron—S. M. Stroupe ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon—R. W. Hord ..... R. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion—Roy Walker ..... Cherryville
Mull's Chapel—J. E. Huffman ..... Rt. 2, Vale
Oak Ridge—Ralph Berry ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove—W. L. Blanton ..... Belwood
Philadelphia—Ralph Abee ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Pleasant Grove—Julius Hildebran ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Pisgah—Seth Ivester ..... Casar
Shoupe's Grove—E. O. Bustle ..... Icard
St. John's—Buren Hasting ..... Rt. 1, Casar
St. Paul—Buren Hasting ..... Rt. 1, Casar
Smart's Grove—W. L. Blanton ..... Rt. 1, Casar
South Fork—J. Astor Buchanan ..... Spruce Pine
Walker's Chapel—W. L. Blanton ..... Rt. 1, Casar
Wilkie's Grove—Chester Smart ..... Connelly Springs
Zion Hill—J. E. Huffman ..... R. 2, Vale
Zoar—Johnny Smart ..... R. 1, Connelly Springs

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT PASTORS IN ASSOCIATION

Bethany—J. L. Bragg ..... Hildebran
Bethany—R. W. Williams ..... Hildebran
Beulah—Howard Sain ..... Rt. 3, Vale
Corinth—D. E. Newton ..... Casar
Henry River—Harry S. Parker ..... Hildebran
Henry River—Osco Parker ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Henry River—William Martin ..... Hildebran
Henry River—Berl Childers ..... Hildebran
Henry River—L. R. Berry ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Icard—G. T. Greenway ..... Icard
Icard—M. A. Huffman ..... Icard
Mt. Zion—Ottis Cook ..... Casar
Mt. Zion—Ivy Cook ..... Lawndale
St. Paul—Sanford Stamey ..... Asheville
South Fork—Jason Stilwell ..... Rt. 4, Hickory

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Mt. Zion—Hugh Dean Price ..... Schol—Gardner-Webb

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Drowning Creek—Fred Ellis ..... Rt. 5, Box 240, Hickory

LICENSED MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION

Berea—Noris Brittian ..... Icard
Berea—Hansel Bryant ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Drowning Creek—Harold Townsend ..... Rhodhiss
St. Paul—Paul Crotts ..... Rt. 3, Lawndale
St. Paul—Larry Willis ..... Rt. 3, Lawndale

HOME MISSIONARIES IN ASSOCIATION

Shoupe's Grove—Mrs. Oliver Lail ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Shoupe's Grove—Mrs. Bertie Mae Ervin ..... Icard

CHURCH CLERKS

Abee's Chapel—Lee Roy Lowman ..... Rt. 1, Valdese
Bethany—Mary Frances Eggers ..... Hildebran
Beulah—Gladys Hull ..... Rt. 2, Vale
Berea—Mrs. Viola Bryant ..... Box 67, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial—Mrs. C. V. Moore ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Connelly Springs—Mrs. Harold D. Smith ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Corinth—H. G. McNeilly ..... Casar
Drowning Creek—Mrs. Mae Joplin ..... Rt. 5, Box 251, Hickory
Henry River—Mrs. Margaret Smith ..... Henry River
Hildebran View—J. Haywood Hoyle ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Icard—S. A. Carswell ..... Icard
Mt. Gilead—Gene Parker ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Mae Abernethy ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon—Miss Lucille Upton ..... Rt. 2, Vale
Mt. Zion—Sam Proctor ..... Lawndale
Mull's Chapel—Miss Jinnie L. Laughridge ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Oak Ridge—Mrs. Willard Lowman ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove—C. E. Crotts ..... Belwood
Philadelphia—Sallie Reep ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Pleasant Grove—Annie Ruth Hoyle ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah—Clarence Parker ..... Casar
Shoupe's Grove—Callie Lail ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
St. John's—Miss Lillie Huffman ..... Rt. 1, Box 129, Connelly Springs
St. Paul—Carles Rich ..... Rt. 1, Belwood
Smart's Grove—Flora Lail ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
South Fork—Mrs. Lucille Wilson ..... Rt. 4, Box 768, Hickory
Walker's Chapel—Filo Huffman ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove—Joseph Burns ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Zoar—D. W. Chapman ..... Casar
Zion Hill—Fred A. Sain ..... Rt. 3, Vale

MUSICAL DIRECTORS OR LEADERS

Abee's Chapel—Mrs. Edward Griffin ..... Drexel
Bethany—C. I. Eggers ..... Hildebran
Beulah—Fletcher Leatherman ..... Rt. 2, Vale
Berea—Hansel Bryant ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial—C. R. Poteet ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Connelly Springs—Paul Tutherow ..... Connelly Springs
Corinth—Elizabeth Botts ..... Rt. 1, Casar
Drowning Creek—Virgil Buff ..... Hildebran
Henry River—John Edward Young ..... Hildebran
Hildebran View .....
Icard—Garvine Franklin ..... Icard
Mt. Gilead—Mrs. B. B. Brooks ..... Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron—Harold Abernethy ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon—Clyde Canipe ..... Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion—Bulan Short ..... Casar
Mull's Chapel—Mrs. Margie Hildebran ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Oak Ridge—John Beach ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove—Grier Scison ..... Belwood
Philadelphia .....
Pleasant Grove—Hubert Lindsay ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Pisgah—Donald Hastings ..... Casar
Shoupe's Grove—M. D. Justice ..... Icard
St. John's—Jinks Brittian ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul—C. H. Crotts ..... Rt. 1, Belwood
Smart's Grove—Bessie Hildebran ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
South Fork—Mrs. Irene Greenhill ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Walker's Chapel—Javan Keller ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove—Judy Brittain ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Zoar—D. W. Chapman ..... Casar
Zion Hill .....

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

Abee's Chapel—Mrs. Mary Maughlea ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Bethany—Phyllis Setzer ..... Hildebran
Beulah—Coleen Sain ..... Rt. 3, Vale
Berea—Mrs. Forrest Davis ..... Box 378, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial .....
Connelly Springs—Mrs. Paul Tutherow ..... Connelly Springs
Corinth .....
Drowning Creek—Mrs. Hattie Kirby ..... Rt. 5, Hickory
Henry River—Mrs. Peggy Dowell ..... Hildebran
Hildebran View—Addie Hudson ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Icard—Nancy Nell Simpson ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Gilead—Mrs. B. B. Brooks ..... Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron—Cora Bradshaw ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon—Mrs. R. W. Hord ..... Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion—Ruth Ann Price ..... Casar
Mull's Chapel—Nancy Rhoney ..... Hickory
Oak Ridge—Mrs. Eugene Sherrill ..... Box 132, Connelly Springs

Olive Grove—Wilma Johnson ..... Casar
Philadelphia—Meadie Franklin .....Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Eva Williams ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Pisgah—Miss Minnie Mace ..... Rt. 1, Casar
Shoup's Grove—Mrs. Charlsie McGallord ..... Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
St. John's—Miss Lillie McNeilly ..... Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul—Bertha Cook ..... Rt. 1, Belwood
Smart's Grove—Elizabeth Lail ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
South Fork—Mrs. Mary Lou Stafford ..... Icard
Walker's Chapel—Bonnie Carswell ..... Rt. 4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove—Joyce Hildebran ..... Rt. 4, Hickory
Zion Hill—Juanita Ramsey ..... Connelly Springs
Zoar—Mat Costner ..... Casar

TABLE A. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Gains: Baptisms	Gains: Letters and Other Additions	Losses: Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total: Total Resident Members	Total: Total Non-Resident Members	Total: Grand Total Present Members	Special Information: Revival Meetings Held	Special Information: Number Tithers	Special Information: State Paper In Budget	Special Information: Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Special Information: Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2-4	Horace Harris, Lenoir	6	3	4	130		130	2	9	No	No	1300.00
~~Berea~~ Bethany	T	1885	All	B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran	39	33	19	326	100	426	1	75	No	No	4610.00
~~Bethany~~ Beulah	Rural		1-2-3-4	M. Gordon Schrum, Rt. 5, Lincolnton	1	6				134	2	25	No	No	1680.00
~~Beulah~~ Berea	Rural	1947	All	Forrest Davis, Box 378, Connelly Springs	5	16	6	57	24	81	2	16	Uo	No	2117.00
Carswell Memorial	Rural	1938	2-4	B. B. Brooks, Rt. 1, Mooresboro	1	1		54	6	60	1	5	No	No	600.00
Connelly Springs	V	1899	All	Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs	11	5	9	139	48	187	1	25	No	No	2990.00
Corinth	Rural		1-3	J. O. Mull, Rt. 3, Vale	2		6	118	52	180	2	2	No	No	631.67
Drowning Creek	Rural	1952	All	Fred V. Ellis, Rt. 5, Box 240, Hickory	21	11		46	5	51	2	10	No	No	720.00
Henry River	V	1940	All	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	14	9	17	163	57	220	3	40	No	No	2705.00
Hildebran View	Rural	1947	1-3	John R. Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	3	1	1	19	1	20	2		No	No	100.00
Icard	V	1918	All	A. V. Ledford, Icard	14	8	8	250	29	271	2	65	No	No	3580.00
Mt. Gilead	Rural	1888	1-3	B. B. Brooks, R 1, Mooresboro	3		2	63	62	125	2	3	No	No	415.00
Mt. Hebron	Rural		All	S. M. Stroupe, R-1, Connelly Springs	13	6	8	106	57	163	1		No	No	1560.00
Mt. Vernon	Rural	1840	All	R. W. Hord, Rt. 3, Vale	10	3	19	169	51	220	1	27	No	No	2730.00
Mt. Zion	Rural	1848	All	Roy Walker, Cherryville	4		6	75	95	170	2		No	No	578.00
Mulls Chapel	Rural	1871	2-4	J. E. Huffman, R-2, Vale	2		3			111	2	9	No	No	960.00
Oak Ridge	Rural	1943	All	Ralph Berry, R-2, Connelly Springs	12	3	6	142	38	180	2	51	No	No	2665.00
Olive Grove	Rural	1884	All	W. L. Blanton, Belwood	9	5	8	148	73	221	2		No	No	960.00
Philadelphia	Rural	1946	1-3	Ralph Abee, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	3		1	42		42	1		No	No	26.00
Pleasant Grove	Rural	1876	2-4	Julius Hildebran, R-4, Hickory	8	3	6	61	22	83	2	2	No	No	600.00
Pisgah	Rural	1840	2-4	Seth Ivester, Casar			5	73	19	92	1	6	No	No	915.00
Shoup's Grove	Rural	1892	All	E. O. Bustle, Icard		3	3			148	2	18	No	No	2087.00
St. John's	Rural	1870	All	Buren Hasting, Rt. 1, Casar	3	1	3	65	10	75	2		No	No	613.00
St. Paul	Rural	1842	All	Buren Hasting, Rt. 1, Casar	6	4	1	257	164	421	2		No	No	798.32
Smart's Grove	Rural	1935	1-3	W. L. Blanton, Rt. 1, Casar			1	67		67	2		No	No	480.00
South Fork	Rural	1937	1-3-5	J. Astor Buchanan, Spruce Pine	1	2	3			114	2	11	No	No	1620.00
Walker's Chapel	Rural	1915	2-3-4	W. L. Blanton, Casar	4	2	1	95	25	120	2	7	No	No	1118.60
Wilkie's Grove	Rural		All	Chester Smart, Connelly Springs			4	129	22	151	1	3	No	No	917.65
Zion Hill	Rural	1859	1-3	J. E. Huffman, Rt. 2, Vale	4	4	12	163	62	225	2	27	No	No	910.00
Zoar	Rural	1937	1-3	Johnnie Smart, R-1, Connelly Springs	0	7	2	61	23	84	2		No	No	360.00
Totals					199	136	164	3018	1045	4571	53	436			41345.00

TABLE B. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Sunday School Enrolment																
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Abee's Chapel	G. W. Abee, R-1, B-348, Connelly Springs	11		21	16	19	15	25	57		11		175	115			No	
Bethany	J. P. Abernethy, Hildebran		10	20	30	37	45	19	104	7	4		276	181	147	128	Yes	
Beulah	Estes Shoupe, Rt. 1, Vale												102		58	45	No	
Berea	Bobbie Paige, Hildebran			29	15	21	14	18	30				127	92	91	81	No	
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsay, R-4, Morganton			7		8	14	11	10				50	35			No	
Connelly Springs	Edsel E. Hoyle, 114 33rd St., N.W., Hickory	10	12	10	16	23	23	14	63	12	2		185	111	75	72	Yes	1
Corinth	Andy McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar			22	10	20		31	32				115	65			No	
Drowning Creek	Virgle Buff, Hilberan			22	14	10	18	6	29				99	53	67	51	No	2
Henry River	Ben W. Raby, Henry River		14	52	30	46	43	52	51				288	105	129	92	No	
Hildebran View	W. L. Hudson, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs			8	7	5	5		8				33				No	
Icard	C. J. Berry, Icard		15	25	20	30	35	40	85	8	4		262	160	88	82	Yes	2
Mt. Gilead	Gene Parker, R-1, Connelly Springs			15		8	8		12				33		43	40	No	
Mt. Hebron	Roy Cook, R-4, B-172, Morganton		10	22	27	32	26	19	36	7			179	95	51	45	Yes	
Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, R-2, Vale	7	16	17	14	16	14	40	51		4		179	99			No	
Mt. Zion	Bulan Short, Casar		16	14	12		12	12	52				118	65			No	
Mulls Chapel	Lester Rhoney, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	7		12	14	18	30	33	20		2		134	78	82	67	No	
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, B-132, Connelly Springs	1	9	8	24	20	26	53	52	12	4		209	132	82	72	No	
Olive Grove	Bealo Hull, Rt. 1, Casar			10	7	17	34	33	17				139	98			No	
Philadelphia	Richard Franklin, R-1, Connelly Springs		5	3	8	9	18		15		10		68	45	29	15	No	
Pleasant Grove	C. A. Martin, R-1, Connelly Springs			15	30	20		14	47				126	85			No	
Pisgah	N. W. Pruett, Casar			24		17	10	12	30		5		93	60			No	
Shoup's Grove	W. L. Presely, Box 1, Icard	15		24	26	38	18	48	29	7			228	130			No	
St. John's	Frank Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs		8	8	9	9	10	21	24		9		98	65			No	
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R-1, Belwood			27	30	21	40	45	101		5		269	138			No	
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, R-1, Connelly Springs		6	11	8	11		23	32		4		95	65			No	
South Fork	Allen Stafford, Icard			11	12	12	18	28	26				107	70			No	
Walker's Chapel	F. M. Hufman, Rt. 4, Morganton			21	13	24	16	38	35				147	92			No	
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R-4, Hickory												115	86			No	
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R-1, Connelly Springs			34	12	26	25	19	87		6		209	122	46	42	Yes	2
Zoar	Lester Lail, R-1, Belwood				29	15		24	27				95	49			No	
Totals		51	121	492	433	527	517	678	1162	53	70		4353	2491	988	832	5	7

TABLE C. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abee's Chapel												
Bethany	Theodore Vanhorn, Hildebran		5	5	26	29	11	26		3	105	58
Beulah												
Berea	Eugene Bryant, Box 67, Connelly Springs		13	7	20	9	10	16		2	77	50
Carswell Memorial												
Connelly Springs	Gary Shuping, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs			4	8	8		15		3	38	21
Corinth												
Drowning Creek	Frank Barnes, Rt. 5, Box 272, Hickory	1	1	4	9	13		9		3	40	40
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, Rt. 4, Box 870, Hickory			24	19	23	20	8		3	97	50
Hildebran View												
Icard	Mrs. Mary Hyder, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs		7		11	16	8	14		3	51	45
Mt. Gilead												
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, R-1, Connelly Springs			8	13	5		16		1	43	39
Mt. Vernon												
Mt. Zion												
Mulls Chapel												
Oak Ridge	Miss Faye Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs		6	6	12	11	20	7		3	65	55
Olive Grove												
Philadelphia												
Pleasant Grove												
Pisgah												
Shoup's Grove	Johnnie Carswell, Rt. 4, Hickory		11		13	22	5	26		3	80	55
St. John's												
St. Paul												
Smart's Grove												
South Fork	Mrs. Thelma Willis, Valdese		1		6	7	6	2		2	30	16
Walker's Chapel												
Wilkie's Grove												
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, Rt. 3, Lawndale			8	12	7	25	15		2	69	32
Zoar												
Totals		1	50	66	149	150	105	154		28	607	461

TABLE D. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G.A. Units	R.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	R.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abee's Chapel															
Bethany	Mrs. John Johnson, Hildebran	1	1	2	1		5	28	22	16	8		74	49	34
Beulah															
Berea	Mrs. Beulah Barnes, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	1					1	16					16	6	
Carswell Memorial															
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Clyde Shook, Jr., Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	1					1	12					12	10	8
Corinth															
Drowning Crek															
Henry River	Mrs. Vance Brittain, Icard	1		2			3	21		33			54		40
Hildebran View															
Icard	Miss Mamie Morgan, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	1	1	2	1	1	6	26	8	18	18	16	86		26
Mt. Gilead															
Mt. Hebron															
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. R. W. Hord, Rt. 3, Vale	1				1	2	29				36	65	38	17
Mt. Zion															
Mulls Chapel															
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Grace Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	1		1			2	27		14			41		31
Olive Grove															
Philadelphia															
Pleasant Grove															
Pisgah															
Shoup's Grove	Mrs. Betty Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	1					1	35					35		18
St. John's															
St. Paul															
Smart's Grove															
South Fork															
Walker's Chapel															
Wilkie's Grove															
Zion Hill															
Zoar															
Totals		8	2	7	2	2	21	194	30	81	26	52	383	103	174

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK—BUILDING—GOALS—CHURCH LIBRARY—CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	Brotherhood			Building		Goals		Music			
		Enrollment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Full-time Choir Director	Part-time Choir Director	Volunteer Choir Leader	Number church choirs
Abee's Chapel					9524			No				
Bethany				18000	68000	20000	1,040.00	No	*		*	3
Beulah					20000			No				
Berea					3550			No	*		*	2
Carswell Memorial					4000			No				
Connelly Springs				5000	20000		10% Inc.	No				
Corinth					13000			Yes				
Drowning Creek						566	10% Inc.	No	*		*	1
Henry River				6814	31302	3170		Yes	*		*	1
Hildebran View					4000			No				
Icard	Eugene Glass, Rhodhiss	16	3	5000	25000			Yes				
Mt. Gilead					4000			Yes	6		*	1
Mt. Hebron				5000	20000			Yes	*		*	1
Mt. Vernon				10000	30000		10% Inc.	No	*		*	1
Mt. Zion					4000			Yes				
Mulls Chapel		15	12		10500			No				
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, B-132, Connelly Springs	15	15		18300		288.00	No	*		*	1
Olive Grove					8000			No	*		*	1
Philadelphia					3500			No				
Pleasant Grove					5000			No	*		*	1
Pisgah								No				
Shoup's Grove	Garland Seagle, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	15	9		16000			No	*		*	1
St. John's					3550			No		*	*	1
St. Paul					22000			No	*		*	1
Smart's Grove					5000			No				
South Fork								No	*		*	1
Walker's Chapel	Javan Keller, Rt. 4, Morganton				12000	300		No	*		*	1
Wilkie's Grove				2000	20000			No				1
Zion Hill					30000		72.00	No	*		*	1
Zoar					15000			No				
Totals		46	24	51814	425226	24036			6	15	1	16	20

TABLE F. GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH THE CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, B-27, Valdese	3827.88	315.00	260.67	275.80	84.72	306.75	596.83		122.87	1962.64	1300.00	2092.64
Bethany	Jones Abernathy, Hildebran	16937.69	750.00	751.16	31804.97	721.37	161.53	345.00	456.49	173.90	35164.42	4322.50	39486.92
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 290 1st Ave., S.E., Hickory		120.00	55.00		75.00		135.00			1567.95	1680.00	3247.95
Berea	Earl Church, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	3832.62	120.00	40.95	66.92	150.15	50.00	150.00		440.05	1018.07	2117.00	3135.07
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. Conley R. Poteet, Rt. 4, Morganton	1439.44	38.50			53.20	35.00	102.00		238.09	466.79	600.00	1066.79
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, R-2, B-2, Connelly Springs	6515.94	4240.00	89.75		323.75	152.14	155.00		256.84	1217.48	2990.00	4207.48
Corinth	C. S. Botts, R-1, Casar					87.36		210.02		40.00		631.67	
Drowning Creek	J. V. White, Rt. 5, Hickory	1639.80				180.54	19.97	122.13	837.17	125.84	1285.65	330.00	1615.65
Henry River	Vance Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 870, Hickory	6316.81	260.00	558.04		332.33	226.85	229.50	900.00	505.30	3012.02	2705.00	5717.02
Hildebran View	Mrs. Ivey Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs					15.00		60.00			75.00	100.00	175.00
Icard	Miss Julia Carswell, Icard	12438.30	620.00	346.83		477.61	240.00	210.00		1770.09	3664.53	3580.00	7244.53
Mt. Gilead	Buna Parker, Rt. 1, Box 200, Connelly Springs	1240.00		4.00		25.00		150.00		50.00	229.00	415.00	644.00
Mt. Hebron	Harold C. Abernathy, R-1, Connelly Springs	7740.00	120.00	230.00	14655.67	141.98	60.00	150.00	600.00	150.00	15987.65	1560.00	17667.65
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, R-2, Vale	6408.85	399.25	383.43	1214.56	204.70		190.25		162.88	2555.07	2730.00	5285.07
Mt. Zion	Claud Lindsay, R-1, Casar					55.63		103.00		96.82	250.45	578.00	828.45
Mulls Chapel	A. C. Peeler, R-4, B-120, Hickory	4932.15		22.60		120.19	42.75	150.00		310.31	645.85	1050.00	1695.85
Oak Ridge	Miss Wilma Anderson, Connelly Springs	7546.65	228.25	94.80	139.25	272.55	103.54	190.00	1281.00	1176.22	3486.21	2665.00	6151.21
Olive Grove	C. L. Crotts, R-1, Belwood	1884.20	48.00	54.56	195.22	86.57	151.00	280.00		50.00	865.35	960.00	1825.35
Philadelphia	B. E. Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 288, Connelly Spgs.	1314.95	20.00		1693.76	78.37		55.00		24.75	1871.85	26.00	1897.85
Pleasant Grove	Schuyler Huffman, R-4, Morganton	1177.97	136.58	191.33		39.90		125.00		22.75	515.56	600.00	1115.56
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	2891.50	245.00	124.50		88.24	174.77	125.00		116.20	873.71	915.00	1788.71
Shoup's Grove	C. W. Crotts, R-1, Connelly Springs		144.00	70.00	160.00	207.17	150.30	165.73	1560.00	450.23	2907.43	2087.06	4994.49
St. John's	Mrs. Ruby Huffman, R-1, Connelly Springs	2832.72		8.00	1067.35	55.40		547.93		324.91	2003.59	613.01	2616.60
St. Paul	Delbert Walker, B-13, Falston	2691.00	96.00	106.32	50.50	176.73	95.91	492.00		60.00	1077.37	798.32	1875.69
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Belle Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	2174.46	120.00		465.30	18.30		288.50		659.14	1551.24	480.00	2031.24
South Fork	Miss Rosalie Young, Rt. 4, B-768, Connelly Spg.		120.00	32.80		126.65	326.17	319.00	391.97	189.97	1506.14	1620.00	3126.14
Walker's Chapel	Miles Carswell, R-4, Morganton		60.00		1300.00	66.00	138.57	218.00	1200.00	150.93	3133.50	1118.60	4252.10
Wilkie's Grove	Cletus Paige, R-4, Hickory			67.86		82.07		116.96	1213.00	101.91	1581.80	917.65	2499.45
Zoin Hill	Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt. 3, Lawndale		189.00	176.50		215.36		250.00			830.86	910.00	1740.86
Zoar	Everett Costner, Casar		64.00	60.72		60.66	89.41	140.00	2666.66	2.55	2984.00	360.00	3344.00
TOTALS		95782.84	4453.58	3729.40	53089.30	4535.14	2524.60	61668.83	1106.29	7732.55	94291.18	39759.81	135020.04

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CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Abee's Chapel	Junior Moughlea, Rt. 1, Valdese			84.10	31.15	31.15		90.10	113.23		349.73	2442.37
Bethany	Mary Frances Eggers, Hildebran	1026.47		167.65	50.00	166.51		187.72	48.73		1647.08	41134.00
Beulah	Dorothy Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale				133.73	10.00		15.00	90.00		248.73	3496.68
Berea	Mrs. Viola Bryant, Box 67, Connelly Springs	7.00		10.00	13.00	25.00		25.00	125.00	240.40	445.40	3580.47
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, Rt. 4, Morganton	45.00						36.00	20.00		101.00	1167.79
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Harold D. Smith, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	103.52		58.50	25.00	80.97	13.02	151.00	50.00		503.20	4710.68
Corinth	H. C. McNeilly, Casar				62.87			58.28	53.41	17.37	191.93	4160.98
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Mae Joplin, Rt. 5, Box 251, Hickory	12.66									12.66	1628.31
Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Gen. Del., Henry River	160.59		10.00	25.30	51.00		37.50	25.39	142.42	452.20	6169.22
Hildebran View	Haywood Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs							5.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	200.00
Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	767.25		5.00	61.49	81.51	125.00	255.60	386.00		1681.85	8926.38
Mt. Gilead	Gene Parker, Rt. 1, Box 200, Connelly Springs	18.00							10.00		28.00	672.00
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mae Abernethy, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	100.00		14.00					15.00	189.21	4 218.21	17885.86
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, Rt. 1, Vale	585.67	20.00	43.57	57.05	42.49		56.90	29.75		835.43	6120.50
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, Rt. 1, Lawndale	60.42						73.65	15.00		149.07	987.52
Mull's Chapel	Mrs. Jinnie Lee Loughridge, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	65.00		25.00				120.00	40.00		250.00	1945.85
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	159.09		70.00	75.00			85.00	70.00	158.08	617.17	6768.38
Olive Grove	C. E. Crotts, Rt. 1, Belwood							10.80	33.00	15.15	58.95	1884.30
Philadelphia	Sallie Reep, Rt. 1, Box 288, Connelly Springs								32.00		32.00	1929.85
Pleasant Grove	Annie Ruth Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs							19.50	15.64		35.14	1150.70
Pisgah	Clarence Parker, Rt. 1, Casar	40.00						153.29	108.54		301.83	2090.54
Shoupe's Grove	Callie Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	247.40				257.40		75.61			580.41	5574.90
St. John's	Miss Lillie Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 129, Connelly Springs								54.58	31.50	86.08	2702.68
St. Paul	Carles Rich, Rt. 1, Belwood							105.00	91.00		196.00	2071.69
Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Rt. 4, Box 188, Morganton					10.00			15.00	118.22	143.22	2174.46
South Fork	Mrs. Lucille Wilson, Rt. 4, Box 768, Hickory			50.00				97.30	50.00		197.30	3323.44
Walker's Chapel	Filo Huffman, Rt. 4, Morganton					9.07		80.77	17.10		106.94	4359.04
Wilkie's Grove	Joseph Burns, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs				15.49	32.70		47.08	61.74	42.01	199.02	2698.47
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, Rt. 3, Vale	74.30		40.00	50.53	25.00	25.00	69.39	52.90		337.12	2077.98
Zoar	Mrs. D. W. Chapman, Box 75, Casar				7.14	10.00			5.11		34.75	3378.75
Totals		3472.37	20.00	577.82	607.75	832.80	163.02	1855.49	1638.12	964.36	10065.42	145085.46

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Forty - Fourth Session

1954

FIRST DAY _____ SHOUPE'S GROVE
SECOND DAY _____ WALKER'S CHAPEL
October 14-15, 1954

North Carolina

1955 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 13-14)

First Day ___ Connelly Springs
Second Day _____ Pisgah

Buren Hasting will preach the Doctrinal Sermon
J. E. Huffman will preach the Missionary Sermon

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DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Officers

Moderator ---------- J. E. Huffman, Rt. 2, Vale
Vice-Moderator ---------- A. V. Ledford, Icard
Clerk ---------- Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran
Treasurer ---------- S. A. Carswell, Icard
Sunday School Superintendent ---------- Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Vale
Asst. Sunday School Supt. -- John Church, Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs.
Training Union Director ---------- Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Assistant T. U. Director ---------- Mrs. Ruby Harwell, Hildebran
Vacation Bible School
Miss Jennie L. Laughridge, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Assistant V. B. S. ---------- Eugene Sherrill, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
W. M. U. Superintendent ---- Mrs. Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Assistant W. M. U. ---------- Mrs. W. J. Smart, Hildebran
Hospital Representative ---------- M. A. Huffman, Icard
Orphanage Representative ---------- A. V. Ledford, Icard
Homes For The Aging Rep. ---------- B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran
Evangelism & Fruitland Representative
Forest Davis, Box 378, Connelly Springs

Woman's Missionary Union

Superintendent ---------- Mrs. Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Assoc. Superintendent ---------- Mrs. W. J. Smart, Hildebran
Secretary-Treasurer -- Mrs. Harold Smith, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.
Young People's Leader ---------- Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran
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Stewardship Chairman -- Miss Allease Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.
Community Missions Chairman -- Mrs. Raymond Burns, Hildebran
Literature Chairman ---------- Mrs.Edsel Mull, Rt. 3, Belwood
Margaret Fund-Carver School ---- Mrs. Arthur Whisenant, Icard

Constitution

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association."

2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

4. Any church in good fellowship may at her discretion, withdraw from this body.

5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duty authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed, and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committeed to an Executive Board of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.

(b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.

(c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Board.

(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.

(e) Two successive absences from the regular meetings of this Board without satisfactory explanation on the part of any member shall automatically render his place on the Board vacant.

(f) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.

(g) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Business.

13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER

1. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by the permission of the Association.

2. No subject which has been decided by the Association shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move reconsideration.

3. Churches that make application for membership in the Association shall be received under the watchcare for one year, then, if they prove to be sound in faith and cooperative in our denominational work, shall be received into full fellowship.

4. All questions be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

Churches and Messengers

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Adele Setzer, J. A. Willis, Loy Rector, Nellie, Mrs. H. R. Harris

BEREA—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spann, Mr. Charlie Townsend, Mrs. Virgil Buff, Mrs. James Bess, Mr. Bobby Paige

BETHANY—Mrs. Ruby Harwell, Mrs. Buie Hicks, Mrs. Jeff Temple, J. R. Huffman, Ray Childers, B. J. Abernethy, Perry Abernethy

BEULAH—Rev. Gordon Schrum, E. A. Rudisill, A. J. Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Estes Shoupe

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Mrs. Earl Konkle, Mrs. Gene Talmon, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. Clyde Arnold, Mr. Walter W. Berry

CORINTH—C. S. Botts, J. L. Newton, Maggie Newton, Blanche McNeilly, Andy McNeilly

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—Elbert Carswell, Ellen Poteate, Herman Martin

DROWNING CREEK—Rev. Joe Greer, Mrs. Mary Greer, Mrs. Frank

Barns, Mrs. J. G. Brittian, Mrs. Patsy Evans

HENRY RIVER—Harry Parker, Rev. Lamont Mayes, Mrs. Vance Brittian, E. P. Sain, Mrs. Carrie Smart

HILDEBRAN VIEW—Haywood Hoyle, Ivey Hoyle, Synthia Hildebran

ICARD—W. D. Justice, Rev. M. A. Huffman, Lottie Carswell, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. D. A. Young

MT. GILEAD—Buna Parker, Mrs. Bill Parker, Bessie Chapman, Lottie Lail

MT. HEBRON—Mr. Roy Cook, Mrs. Vera Stroupe, Mrs. S. M. Stroupe, Mrs. Ruth Hoyle, Mr. L. R. Bradshaw

MT. VERNON—J. T. Leatherman, McKinley Davis, Mrs. Clyde Canipe, Mrs. D. C. Upton

MT. ZION—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cook

MULL'S CHAPEL—Mr. Atlee Rhoney, Mr. Clyde McClurd, Mrs. Cordie Rhoney, Mr. W. L. Rhoney

OAK RIDGE—Mrs. Guy Smith, Mrs. L. C. Carpenter, Mrs. John Stephens, Mrs. J. D. McNelly, Mr. Eugene Sherrill

OLIVE GROVE—Mr. C. M. Cook, Mr. Cecil Towery, Mr. J. A. Cooke, Mr. P. M. Deal, Mrs. Flava Cooke

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Martin, Mrs. Anner Denton, Mr. Hax Denton, Mrs. Essie Hudson

PHILADELPHIA—Mrs. Meadie Franklin, Mrs. Fred Brittian, Mr. Gete Brittian, Mr. Richard Franklin

PISGAH—Lee Bumgardner, Dock Hasting, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Deveney, Mrs. Dock Hasting

SHOUPE'S GROVE—Mrs. Garland Seagle, Mrs. Lloyd L. Childers, Mrs. Lee Roy Childers, Mrs. W. L. Presley, Mrs. James Powell

SMART'S GROVE—Flava Lail, Bill Lail, Beulah Lail, Ruth Lowman, Frank Lail

SOUTH FORK—Mrs. Edna Miller, Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, Mr. Lynn Buchanan, Mrs. Hattie Buchanan

ST. PAUL—Marion Benfield, R. C. White Marvin Newton, Alvin Cooke, Edsel Mull, J. Z. Newton, E. L. Towery

ST. JOHN'S—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McNeilly, Ruby Huffman, Lonnie Brittian, Helen Hoyle

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mackie Huffman, Albert Wellman, Miles Carswell, Miles Huffman, Gilbert Carswell

WILKIE'S GROVE—Mrs. Peter Young, Mrs. Alice Wilkie, William Clark, Dovie Hildebran, W. A. Burns

ZION HILL—W. M. Hudson, Fred Sain, Lou Ellen Daves, Hazzlene Yancy Aaron Buff

ZOAR—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Luckadoo, Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Spake, Mrs. Paul McDaniel

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Fifty-fourth Annual Session
of the
South Mountain Baptist Association
Shoupe's Grove and Walker's Chapel Churches
October 14 and 15, 1954

First Day, Shoupe's Grove, Morning Session

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a. m., with the Moderator, S. M. Stroupe, presiding.

2. The opening devotional service was conducted by Horace Harris from the first chapter of 1st John. The congregation sang "Leaning On Jesus."

3. Time was allotted for the enrollment of messengers.

4. Forrest Davis, chairman of the Program Committee, presented the program. Necessary changes were made by the Association and the Program was adopted as it appears in the proceedings .

5. The report on the Sunday School was read and discussed by Paul Crotts. He stated that he had visited in every church during the year. The report was adopted.

Sunday School Report

The Southern Baptist Convention has outlined a program to win a Million souls to the Sunday School in 54. In the South Mountain Association, Sunday School's goal was 1,000 people in the "Million more in 54" to be enrolled in our Sunday schools. We reached 957 and let us not forget our Theme for this year. LET US GO ON.

During the year twelve monthly meetings were held, with fifty per cent of our Churches attending. The average attendance was 207 present in these meetings. Our Churches are making progress in winning souls this year. We received 236 by Baptisms, 195 by letter in the Churches according to reports. Let us as workers pray that more laborers will be sent in to the vineyard in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts, Supt
Mrs. W. M. Hudson, Sec.-Treasurer

6. The report of the Executive Committee was read by S. M. Stroupe in the absence of S. A. Carswell. The report was adopted as follows:

Report of Executive Committee

In the latter part of the winter, the Executive Committee agreed to hold a spring session of the Association. The meeting place was

set for Zion Hill Church, and the date was the night of May the seventh. Two ministers from without our bounds were invited to speak. The Rev. Fred Forester from the Gaston Association spoke about a visit he had recently made to Africa. Rev. Jack Murphey, from the South Fork Association, brought a helpful message on the importance of Co-operation.

At a later meeting of the Executive Committee it was agreed to ask the churches to make offerings to the support of Associational Missionary work, it was also agreed to ask the Baptist State Convention to supplement the gifts made by the churches and that Rev. Paul Crotts work as Associational Missionary among the Churches. In the July meeting of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, $500.00 was appropriated to supplement the work done in the Association by Paul Crotts for a half year. The supplementary aid was to begin with September 1, of the past associational year.

No new churches have been organized in the past year. Balance in Treasury October 1, 1954—$52.93.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Carswell, Treasurer

7. The report On Vacation Bible School was read and discussed by Eugene Sherrill, since Miss Jennie Lee Laughridge could not be present. The report was adopted.

Vacation Bible School Report

Our hearts rejoice over the cooperation of pastors, the efforts of consecrated workers and response of pupils in Vacation Bible School this year. We are grateful to man and thankful to God. We continue to thank the pastor and members of the St. Paul's Church for their hospitality in April. We thank God for sending out a large number of workers on the day before Easter to take on new life in Vacation School work. Bethany, Connelly Springs and Henry River held successful parades. Ten of the fourteen schools held this year reported Preparation Day held.

Nine hundred thirty-seven pupils and 191 workers were enrolled in the fourteen schools. Two schools reporting only their enrollment 142 pupils and workers make a grand total of 1270. Largest enrollments were as follows: Bethany 190, Henry River 157 and Shoupe's Grove 130. Faculty members and hundreds of pupils rededicated their lives to the Lord's work or dedicated their lives for the first time. Professions of faith were as follows: Henry River 10, Shoupe's Grove 5 and Bethany 3, total 19. Bethany, Drowning Creek and Henry River had 10 days each. All the other schools had 5 days. Bethany had an "AA" school. Henry River and Drowning Creek had "C" schools. Offerings were designated as follows: $113.46 cooperative program, $2.15 to Foreign Missions, $6.97 to the Baptist State Orphanage and $10.00 to the Associational Sunday School Fund to pay Vacation Bible School expenses.

A goal of 20 schools had been set for 1954 which was not reached. (It is possible that two churches may have night sessions within the next few weeks.) We did have one more school than last year and the increase of 342 workers and pupils enrolled makes our hearts glad. As laborers come into the field sheaves come into the fold. Shall we not set a goal of 30 schools for 1955,—one for each church in the association. If God be our guide much can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Lee Laughridge

8. Report on Training Union was presented by Earl Konkle, after discussion by him the report was adopted.

Training Union Report

What does the word training mean to you? To me it means doing by trying. A small child that does not try to make its first step will never walk. The Scriptures tell us to "Train up a child in the way it should go: and when it is old, he will never depart from it."

Somewhere many of us have lost a vision or the command of GOD. Jesus said, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" but I wonder if we can be honest with God and say that we have done this? Some will say this is one of those modern ideas, but Jesus told us to teach and to train over 1900 years ago. Would you call that modern.

As an Association we did not advance in this field the past year. We like to think of what we have done, but really we need to think of what we haven't done. What can we do or say to cause your church to become a training station for the Lord? Oh! How I love Jesus as long as I don't have to do anything for him. Is that our feeling? God *forbid.*

May you be challenged to go back to your church and request a training program be had in your church.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Konkle

9. At this time the Moderator called for a "Special Period of Prayer" for rain. The prayer was led by J. E. Huffman.

10. Joe Greer was recognized and welcomed into our Association. He was called to Drowning Creek Baptist Church in September.

11. Stewardship report was read and discussed by Ralph Berry. The report was adopted.

Stewardship Report

Stewardship implies responsibility demands faithfulness. Throughout the teaching of our Lord the principle of Stewardship is emphasized. His great parables deal with Stewardship. In Psalm 24-1. We

read, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. "The basic principle of Stewardship is that God owns all things," ourselves included. 1 Cor. 6-19-20! "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price." The only position a Christian can take regarding Stewardship is that of complete surrender of life to God.

We are stewards of our possessions. Material possessions are a trust from God. Man must account for every penny that comes into his possession. Certainly the Christian recognizes that at least one tenth of his income must be returned to God in recognition of his responsibility as a steward, but that Christian who truly loves his Lord will give more than the tithe. There will be a desire to give his Lord an offering.

But there is more to be considered than money when we study the great principle of Stewardship. The Christian is responsible to God for the way in which he used his time. He is responsible for his talents and his abilities. The impression we make upon others must be accounted for. In short, all of life must be lived in keeping with the will of God, and the Christian who refuses to recognize God in all his life is not a "Faithful Steward."

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry

11. Two visitors were recognized from other associations: W. C. Guth, pastor of Elkin Valley Baptist Church, Elkin Association; Albert Layell from Catawba River Association.

12. Appointment of Committee on Committees, by the Moderator, was as follows: Lamont Mayes, M. A. Huffman and D. C. Upton.

13. A motion was made and carried that the doors leading into sanctuary be closed during the Worship Period.

14. A motion was unanimously carried that an offering be made for M. A. Huffman to express the Association's appreciation of his faithful service. Mr. Huffman thanked the congregation for the love offering and the opportunity to serve.

15. Announcement was made, by host pastor B. B. Holbrook, that all remain in church for message that was to follow as time had been allotted for lunch preparation.

16. The Moderator gave report on new buildings and growth of work during the year in the Association. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" led by Lamont Mayes.

17. Forest Davis preached the Doctrinal Sermon. His Scripture lesson was from John 14. His subject was, "The Holy Spirit."

18. The Association recessed for lunch. The dinner was very appetizing and the social fellowship was a blessing to all.

First Day—Afternoon Session

19. Moderator S. M. Stroupe called the Association to order at 1:15 p. m.

20. Song "Standing On The Promises" was led by Lamont Mayes. The devotional period was conducted by Gorden Schrum from Colossians 3.

21. The report of the Committee on Committees was read by Lamont Mayes and adopted as follows:

Report Of Committee On Committees

Place and Preacher—A. V. Ledford, Eugene Sherrill, McKinley Davis

Program Committee—J. E. Huffman, Bill Blanton, Earl Konkle

Nominating Committee—Ralph Berry, M. A. Huffman, R. C. White

Finance Committee—J. Perry Abernathy, Bill Clark, T. H. Day

Resolution Committee—Mrs. Earl Konkle, Mrs. R. W. Hord, Mrs. Lorena King.

22. Lawrence Rhoney was recognized at this time as being one of the oldest members of the Association. He was present when it was organized. Mr. Burns and Mr. Berry were also recognized as being among the oldest members.

23. Religious Literature report was read and discussed by R. W. Hord. The report was adopted.

Report On Religious Literature

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Tim. 2:15.

The Bible is the best literature in all the world. It is the most interesting literature in all the world. Because it is about Christ and His salvation, and the whole plan of God from beginning to ending. It is the divine truth revealed to mankind of God and His love.

To ignore or neglect the study of the Holy Word means that learning is incomplete and that life is incomplete.

The necessity for Baptists to secure and utilize Christian literature becomes greater each day, as the people desire to read. They are reading all sorts of literature, Christian and non-Christian.

Baptists have compelling reasons for giving major attention to Religious Literature, for it is designed to promote Bible study, lead to personal faith in Christ, cultivates Christian character and develops faithful workers and skillful leaders in our churches. Paul goes on to admonish young Timothy, "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." It therefore becomes the responsibility of all to encourage the careful choosing of all reading matter.

We have our state paper, the Biblical Recorder, it has served our churches of North Carolina since 1833. Charity and Children published by our Baptist Orphanage in Thomasville for 65 years, it has been a blessing and an inspiration to all who have read it. We have a Southern Baptist Home Mission published by Home Mission Board in Atlanta. Also the Commission published by the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond. It is our recommendation that the churches of our Association take renewed steps to see that the Christian Literature becomes a more vital part of our Christian experience.

One of our major needs is to get our people trained and enlisted in the whole program of our denomination and the kingdom of God. This can not be done apart from information and inspiration provided through the printed page. We must teach our people to read, for we can not tell them all they need to know, and we must put into their hands this basic Baptist literature.

The state Baptist paper is unique among Southern Baptists, for it is the only publication which in a well-balanced way every week carries to our people information about all phases of our Baptist work, both at home and abroad. If our people are to be informed, the least that we can do is to see to it that they get the state paper. All leaders in the denomination and the churches should realize the truth of this statement and do everything possible to get the state paper into the homes of the people.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Hord

24. Motion was carried that report on Baptist Hospital be made next.

25. The report on the Baptist Hospital was presented by M. A. Huffman read by B. R. Holbrook. The discussion was opened by Mr. Huffman. W. K. McGee, director of the Department of Religion at the Baptist Hospital, was introduced and spoke to the report. He made us realize anew the work there. The report was adopted.

Report On Baptist Hospital

Our Baptist Hospital is caring for more people this year than at any other time in its history. This is possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. This new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The enlargement of the hospital has made possible the enlarging of our school of nursing, it being one of the largest in the State. Our hospital offers a superior type of training and its graduates have high rating wherever they go. This means that our nursing school can accept only students of the highest caliber. They especially want

those high grade students of fine Christian character from our Baptist homes. A new class enters each September. Prospective students should write to the Director of Nurses in advance and make application early in the year since there are far more applications than can be accepted.

The Baptist Hospital with the various schools associated with it forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, and pastors and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Everything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

For the past ten years our Federal and State Governments have assisted in a program of building hospitals in counties and areas where there had been no hospitals. This program increases the importance of our Baptist Medical Center in relation to the family physician and the local hospital. The majority of the patients who go to our Medical Center are sent by their own local doctors in order that the patient may have the benefit of such facilities and specialists.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing. There are multitudes in our State who cannot receive the care they need unless somebody else helps pay for it. Our Hospital has no money except what the patients pay and what we give. On Mother's Day we have the privilege of sharing with those who are sick and need our help. Unless we give generously some will seek in vain for help at our Hospital. Let this not be true because you and I have failed!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. M. A. Huffman

26. Buren Hastings read the report on Christian Education. Claude F. Gaddy, executive secretary of North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education, was introduced to discuss this report. The report was adopted.

Report On Christian Education

Education is that process by which the development, behavior, and the whole nature of man is influenced to higher standard of living. A secular education seeks the mastery of forces outside the body. May we look at the wrong training in the minds of youth as we sadly look into the nations of Europe in this century, and see the chaos and misery of heathen or ungodly education.

Through the centuries it has been the Christian church and its program of education which has kept the torch of human freedom and liberty for freedom loving people alive. The New Testament advocates Christian Education all the way through. In the Great Commission, Christ instructed us to teach the people. A better world will depend on how much we try to instill the principles of Chris-

tians, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The modern method of education will never bring the world to terms of peace and brotherly love, but the proper emphasis placed on Christian Education will help restore light to this world once more.

We have access to seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina and many other means of Christian Education. We have the Fruitland Preachers School, then the thing that has been overlooked is the local church, in which a program of Christian Education goes on every Sunday morning. The home is also the most important of these institutions.

Let us join hand and hand from the home through the greatest College in North Carolina to make this program of Christian Education, one that will be pleasing to the Lord Jesus, one that will give us a greater zeal to do the things He would have us do.

Respectfully submitted,
Buren Hasting

27. The Orphanage Report was read by J. R. Huffman and after discussion by him the report was adopted.

Orphanage Report

In the 69th annual report which was made to the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina in May of this year, much gratifying news was given. Let us notice some of the activities and achievements which were given in that report:

There was a total of 687 children cared for in 1953 under the three plans used by the Orphanage. Of this number, 564 received care at Mills Home and Kennedy Home; 58 in foster homes and 65 under Mother's Aid. Approximately the same number were cared for in the two Homes as in 1952. A decrease in the number receiving Mother's Aid was more than compensated for by the 50 per cent increase in the number of children being placed in approved foster homes.

In addition to these 687, the Social Department helped 602 other children, including 246 whose applications were on file at the end of of the year. With the graduation of the Seniors in June, some of these children will be admitted to one of the two Homes. The Department also assisted 256 children in 96 families in getting placed in suitable homes. Of this number, relatives assumed the care of 146 while 73 of them were accepted for care by other agencies and institutions.

A total of 107 children were admitted to Mills Home and Kennedy Home during 1953 while 82 were discharged. There will be 18 graduates in the class at Mills Home and 5 at Kennedy Home.

As to finances, Mr. Reed said: "The income in 1953 was slightly more than the year before and the total cost of operation was a little under that of 1952. This operational cost should be reduced still more after 1954 due to the fact that the renovating program will be about completed."

Following are other interesting items gleaned from the report:

This is a typical case in which the trained workers in the Social Service Department demonstrated their ability to help solve family problems: An application came to the Baptist Orphanage from a broken home where there were seven children. After three months of case work services and marriage counselling, court action was dropped and the parents re-united. The case was closed with a letter on October 21, 1953, with the parents expressing their appreciation for the Orphanages help.

Let us thank God for such a wonderful report from OUR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE. Let us be challenged by the Orphanage report and give even better support. Surely, this is the work of Christ and for God's glory. If we are CHRISTIANS, then we are to do the work of CHRIST. What was his work? In closing this report let us find out what HE said HIS WORK was, and by His admonition accept this work and endeavor to carry it out with more zeal and determination than we have ever done even in the past.

He stated his mission in Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Huffman

28. Hymn "Revive Us Again" was sung at this time.

29. The report on Evangelism was read by A. V. Ledford and most effectively discussed by him. The report was adopted.

Evangelism Report

Evangelism is the forerunner of the churches and the builder of churches. It is the Missionary Spirit in action. It must give its influence to all sound teaching in the church. Without the evangelistic spirit it will be found impossible to maintain proper doctrinal standards.

Our Baptist State Convention for the past few years has shown great interest in evangelism. Doctor J. C. Canipe is the secretary of this department and is doing his best to promote evangelism in all the associations and churches of our state. We have a State Wide Evangelistic Conference once each year for the purpose to plan the evangelistic work of our state. We meet together, pray together, and work together for this great cause of Soul Winning This conference has proven to be the greatest and richest meeting of the year.

The report from our churches of the association last year shows that we had one hundred and ninety-nine (199) baptisms. We did not have in hand the number of baptisms closing out our associational work for the year October 1, 1953-September 30, 1954. However we feel that a great number have been added to our Lord's King-

dom.

There were great multitudes in the day of Jesus, and there are great multitudes today; may we win them one by one until the work of our Lord is done.

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford

30. After announcements by Moderator the afternoon session closed with prayer led by Claude F. Gaddy.

Second Day Session, Walker's Chapel

31. This session was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by the Moderator, S. M. Stroupe.

32. Due to the absence of W. L. Blanton, W. C. Guth gave the devotional period and led in prayer.

33. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

34. Dr. E. L. Spivey, State Missions' Secretary, was recognized at this time.

35. The report on Woman's Missionary Union was read and most effectively discussed by Mrs. Earl Konkle. The report was adopted.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union

With thirty (30) churches in the South Mountain Association, only twelve (12) have Missionary Organizations. Could it be that many of our churches are just Missionary Baptist only in name?

Could it be possible that the 12 churches with Women's Missionary Organizations are the only 12 churches giving to Missions, such as State, Home and Foreign.

The quality of the work of the Woman's Missionary Union in our association has improved in the past few years. No doubt this is due to a number of our women attending the two (2) day leadership conference at Fruitland and also the Leadership Conference in our own Association; held at Bethany Baptist Church in October, last year with 8 of the 12 Churches represented.

The annual Woman's Missionary Union Associational meeting was held in April at Oak Ridge Baptist Church with (9) nine churches represented. Miss Ruth Provence (state worker) and Mrs. Moorehead (missionary from Japan) brought both interesting and challenging messages.

At our State W. M. U. Convention in Greensboro in March 6, six women represented our Association.

Believing that the ministry of any Church cannot be what God would have it to be unless the missionary program is taught and practiced, we appeal to the Pastors and the Leaders of our Churches to en-

courage the Missionary information and Missionary Program in our churches. Remembering the words of Christ as he left this earth, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

We have had some gains in WMS and Young Peoples organizations in the past year. But we realize that a large number of our people are still unenlisted. Some of our mission fields are being closed. What we do, we must do quickly. Does your Church deserve the name Missionary Baptist? Do you as members and pastors support your W. M. U. Organization. Maybe your church does little or nothing for the cause of missions.

Will you pray with me that our church and your church will be true to Christ's command to take the gospel to every creature and then do something about it?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Konkle

36. No one was present to report or speak on the Brotherhood and R. A. Work.

37. Associational Missions report was presented by Guy Smith and read by A. V. Ledford. The report was adopted.

Associational Mission Report

The amount given to the associational superintendent of the Sunday School during the past year was $376.16. The churches agreed to pay $5.00 per month. We have five Churches participating in this: Mt. Hebron, St. Paul, Zion Hill, South Fork, Drowning Creek.

Respectfully submitted,
Guy Smith

38. A check, amount $129.50, was accepted by the Association at this time from J. Perry Abernethy. This was the balance left in the treasury after resignation of the Associational Missionary some 3 years ago. The original amount being $112.00 plus interest made the total $129.50.

39. Motion was made and carried that J. Perry Abernethy be relieved of all obligations as treasurer of Associational Missions.

41. State Missions report was read then discussed by Earl Konkle. The report was adopted.

State Missions Report

State Missions in the Missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and

train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

With 4,200,000 people in North Carolina and with 62½% of these unchurched we find that North Carolina is far from being half Christian. Of these over 4,000,000 people 760,000 of them are Baptists. But we find that out of this number only 35% are dedicated to its Christian profession. What a challenge to every one of us.

With this challenge before us we find that our Mission program demands a varied program of mission activity.

A. Our people need to be taught and trained. We find State missions ready with a great program at our summer assemblies. Fruitland, Caswell and Ridgecrest. Much effort has been made that these be ready to fill our needs in preparing and sending us back with a greater zeal to do something about all situations.

B. With over 60% of North Carolina lost, State Missions provides a department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches in this great effort of baptizing one for every eight Sunday school members.

C. A growing population demands that we be prepared with better churches and new churches where there is a need for them.

D. A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demand a better trained pastor. The preachers' school at Fruitland refreshes and trains our pastors who find it impossible to go to college.

With this program before us let us be challenged to support our State Missions by giving and doing our part that these rich ministries might be continued that next year North Carolina might become a Christian state.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl R. Konkle

42. The Home Mission report was given by J. E. Huffman. He also spoke to the report and it was adopted as follows:

Home Missions Report

The task assigned the Home Mission Board in the first meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, was to "Preach the Gospel in the home land, where it was not being preached."

Essentially the goal of the board today is to "take the word where it has not gone." The first missionaries sent out one hundred and eight years ago arrived in Galveston, Texas, December 4, 1846. Since this beginning, God has used and blessed home missions until today it is reaching twenty-two states and fourteen pioneer states served by the Home Mission Board through the neighboring state conventions. Alaska, Panama, Canal Zone, and Cuba are territories served by the convention and are knoown as Home Mission out posts. Today the activities of the Home Mission Board are so vast and opportunity so great that it cannot be summarized in a small report. The board has helped to constitute 11,191 churches or more than one third of all Baptist Churches in the Southern Convention. The board

has had an average of four hundred and seventy-five missionaries in the field every day since it was organized, which is equivalent to more than twenty-five workers in the field continuously since the resurrection of our Lord. The missionaries have reported 1,142,538 professions of faith. The territory served by this Board now has a population of 109,140,695 of which 54,000,000 are unchurched. The missionaries of the board preached more than 113,850 sermons and reported 31,849 conversions in 1953. The Board opened seven hundred and six mission stations and spent 419,148 dollars in purchasing and improving mission properties in 1953. The Home Mission Board calls on Baptists throughout the convention to recognize the size and urgency of our Home Mission task and to pledge anew their prayers and support in meeting the challenge of this crusade in Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Hoffman

43. Foreign Missions report was read by Julius Hildebran after discussion by him the report was adopted.

Foreign Missions Report

The Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board appointed 70 missionaries during 1953; 37 have been appointed during the first five months of 1954. As of June 1, 1954, the board has 931 active missionaries. These missionaries are located in 170 stations in 35 countries. Two of the countries, Jamaica and Egypt were entered during 1954.

Indirectly, Southern Baptist missions extend to many other countries, through funds aiding national Baptists. Among the missions highlights of 1954 were: re-entry of missionaries into Spain after an absence of over a year, and reopening of the seminary; reopening of the Bible School in Rivoli, Italy.

Southern Baptists gave for foreign missions during 1953 a total of $8,759,948.87 through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon Offering, and special designated gifts.

The Board mourns the loss of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, who died June 27, 1953, and of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Latin American secretary, who died April 25, 1954. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen was elected executive secretary, and Dr. J. Winston Crawley, missionary to the Philippines was elected to his former position as Orient secretary. Dr. Rogers M. Smith came to the Board the first of the year as field representative.

Let us hear the Lord Jesus as he said "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white all ready unto harvest." May we send more laborers unto the harvest. May we again hear him say, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,
Julius Hildebran

44. "Send The Light" was sung by congregation led by Mr. Deal.

45. W. C. Reid, Superintendent from our Orphanage at Thomasville was introduced at this time. He told interesting experiences of boys and girls in the Orphanage, also how they are led to establish Christian homes after they leave the Orphanage.

46. Dr. E. L. Spivey gave an interesting summary on Missions in our state. He said, "When God's people know, then they will do."

47. Dr. M. H. Kendall was recognized and granted time to discuss Christian Education, which had already passed over. Dr. Kendall heads the Department of Christian Education at Mars Hill College.

48. Congregational singing was led by Mr. Deal. Song "Thy Kingdom Is Coming."

49. Special singing was rendered at this time by Genie Abernethy, Dorothy Abernethy and Phyllis Burns of Bethany Baptist Church. Song "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus."

50. The Missionary Message was brought by B. R. Holbrook. He gave a "Chain of Missions" consisting of seven.

51. Immediately after adjournment a bountiful dinner was served.

Second Day—Afternoon Session

52. The afternoon session convened at 1 o'clock. Singing was led by Mr. Deal song "Foot Steps Of Jesus."

53. J. C. Mull conducted the worship period and led in prayer.

54. The report on Temperance—Public Morals was read and discussed by Lamont Mayes after which it was adopted.

Temperance—Public Morals Report

The Scriptures tell us, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all." Luke 17:26,27. And again the Word says, "And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Gen. 6:12. These Scriptures seem to sum up the condition of our world today. One needs only to look at his own community to see that the majority of people are living

only to satisfy the lusts of the flesh. There is drunkenness, adultery, divorce and gambling on every hand.

Almost 90 per cent of our American high school children, at least in one area of the nation, drink intoxicating beverages. The vast majority of this number begin drinking before they reach the tender age of sixteen. Out of 17,000 College students questioned, it was found that 74 per cent drank. Many of these, both men and women, admitted that they began long before they reached their teens: at the age of ten or before.

Is there anything being done to stem this tide? Yes, in North Carolina, the Allied Church League is making progress in eliminating the legal sale of intoxicating beverages in some counties. During the year Alamance and Johnston Counties voted on ABC stores and both went dry by large majorities. Town Beer and Wine elections were held in Valdese, Carthage and Hope Mills. The Drys won all three by overwhelming majorities. Beer and wine elections are scheduled for Haywood and Davidson Counties in January and February respectively.

Since 1954 was election year, the Committee on Good Government has made special effort to get candidates to the General Assembly who were favorable to a State-wide Referendum, and opposed to legalized gambling. From all indications the Drys will have a larger majority in both House and Senate than in 1953.

The Allied Church League has promoted an active program of temperance education in the churches and public schools. Greater interest is being shown by our various denominations in alcohol education. More courses are being taught in our summer assemblies and many of our colleges are giving emphasis to alcohol education in their curriculum.

Yes, a little is being done, but oh so little. Surely every pulpit needs to sound out the warning against the immorality and sin around us, calling people to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the sinners only hope.

Respectfully submitted,
Lamont Mayes, Jr.

55. B. B. Brooks presented and discussed the report of the American Bible Society. The report was adopted.

American Bible Society Report

The American Bible Society, Bible house, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., is worthy of the support of Christians everywhere.

This year marks the one hundred fiftieth year of the work of Bible societies as a basic expression of the modern missionary movement.

The American Bible Society came into existence in 1816 as an outreach of about two hundred smaller societies. It was the first Inter Faith organization in the U. S. on a National scale.

During these 150 years one or more books of the Bible have been

translated and printed in 991 new languages and dialects. Previous to this time in only 73 different languages and dialects had the word of God appeared.

Of the twenty-five million volumes which it is expected the 24 National Bible Societies of the world will distribute for missionary and evangelization purposes during 1954, more than one half will be by the protestant people of this country through the worldwide facilities of the American Bible Society.

The American Bible Society also publishes a monthly magazine (Bible Society Record) which has the second largest circulation of any protestant monthly. This magazine is being offered to ministers at a special rate of two years for one dollar.

The American Bible Society has as its honorary chairman, the president of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower. Also on the National sponsoring committee of laymen we find among many honorable men the names of former presidents Harry S. Truman and Herbert Hoover.

May we as Baptists support with our prayers and money this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Brooks

56. A. V. Ledford, Chairman of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher, recommended as follows:

Time: Thursday and Friday, October 13-14, 1955
Place: First Day—Connelly Springs; Second Day—Pisgah
Preachers: Doctrinal Message—Buren Hasting;
Missionary Message—J. E. Huffman

The above report was adopted. Eugene Sherrill and McKinley Davis were committee members.

57. Motion was made and carried that program for next year be made and mailed by September 1, to each one on program.

58. Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ralph Berry gave the following report to the Association and it was adopted as follows:

Report Of Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee of the South Mountain Association, recommend to the body the following names as the officers of this Association for the year 1955.

Moderator ..... J. E. Huffman
Vice-Moderator ..... A. V. Ledford
Treasurer ..... S. A. Carswell
Clerk ..... Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Paul Crotts
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent ..... John Church

Training Union Director ..... Earl Konkle
Assistant Training Union Director ..... Mrs. Ruby Harwell
Vacation Bible Schools ..... Jennie Lee Laughridge
Assistant Vacation Bible Schools ..... Eugene Sherrill
W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Mrs. Earl Konkle
Assistant W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Mrs. W. J. Smart
Hospital Representative ..... M. A. Huffman
Orphanage Representative ..... A. V. Ledford
Homes For The Aging ..... B. R. Holbrook
Evangelism ..... Forest Davis

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry
M. A. Huffman
Forest Davis

59. The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by chairman, Mrs. Earl Konkle, and adopted.

Report Of Resolutions

Whereas, the South Mountain Association met in this, its 44th annual session and enjoyed one of its best programs:

Be it resolved that we hereby express our grateful appreciaout 3 months before associational meeting dates, and that it be a must that a program be in the hands of each one on program at least 1 month before date of meeting. That the program Chairman on completion of the programs, in turn pass them on to the clerk of the association, for mailing to the respective people.

Be it resilved that we hereby express our grateful appreciation to each one who has had part on program and;

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to those who came to us from other places to inform us of our Baptist Program.

Be it further resolved we express the sincere gratitude of our hearts to the Shoupe's Grove Baptist Church and to Walker's Baptist Church for their kindness and courtesies extended to us. We are grateful to those who labored and served the delicious meals we have enjoyed. Let us all resolve in our hearts that we will go away pledging ourselves to love and serve our blessed Saviour more completely and whole heartedly than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Konkle
Mrs. R. W. Hord
Mrs. Lorena King

60. Minister's Retirement Plan was read by E. E. Hoyle. In discussion of the report Mr. Hoyle gave additional information about the social security laws. The report was adopted.

The Ministers' Retirement Plan

The purpose of the Ministers' Retirement Plan is to provide for a minister's disability, old age, and widow.

If a pastor is disabled before the age of 65, he is paid a small amount each year. The amount he would receive is based upon his salary.

All covered pastors are permitted to retire at the age of 65. They will receive retirement benefits equal to about 50 per cent of their average salary.

A minister's widow, upon her husband's death, will receive one-half of the amount he was entitled to receive.

The cost of the complete plan is about 12 per cent of the minister's salary. The minister pays 5½ per cent; his church, 4 per cent; and the Convention, 2½ per cent.

Unfortunately, not all of our full-time ministers are covered under this plan. All churches are urged to help provide now for their pastor's old age. The Raleigh office is ready to furnish information about the plan to each church.

Beginning January 1, 1955, ministers, at their own individual election, are to be covered by the social security laws of the United States if their income is over $400 a year. The cost of this plan, to be borne entirely by the minister, is 3 per cent of the first $3,600 of their annual income.

To obtain coverage under the social security laws, the individual minister must file a certificate within two years with the District Director of Internal Revenue. The election to come under the plan, once made, cannot be revoked. The ministers' salaries will be considered self-employment income for social security purposes. Their church will not be involved in any way.

Each church should be sure that their pastor is covered by one of these plans. If he is eligible for both, so much the better. Help him enjoy an economically independent old age.

Respectfully submitted,
Edsel E. Hoyle

61. Report on "Homes For The Aging" was read by Earle Konkle in the absence of G. T. Greenway. Superintendent James Hayes, from the Home in Winston-Salem, discussed the report. The report was adopted.

North Carolina Homes For The Aging Report

The fourth Associational year of the Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of considerable expansion and encouraging progress. There are many evidences of the continued blessing of God upon this newest phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It affords space for 35 additional resi-

dents, making the total capacity of the two Homes 54 residents—Resthaven, Winston-Salem (19), and the Albemarle Home (35). The total cost of the Albemarle property, including renovation, was about $100,000. With the value of the equipment donated, this property is now worth approximately $300,000. Rev. Zeb. A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, has been selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health and spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside of the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. Plans are in the making for the erection of buildings on this site. The first unit will furnish space for additional residents and for offices, chapel, infirmary, laundry, refrigeration, etc. It is hoped that construction of the first unit can get under way within a year.

As it true with all our Baptist projects, the Homes for the Aging, have financial problems. The Special Day Offering of last February has now amounted to approximately $62,000. It is hoped that the final total will reach $70,000. In addition, the Homes received $21,-000 as their share of the Nine-Year Program. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. But the most encouraging progress has been the response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes.

It is imperative that we, as Baptists of North Carolina, continue our support of the Homes in order that those who have reached the twilight of life may know that we have not forsaken them. They are grateful to us for the help we have given them in the past and covet our continued support and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. T. Greenway

62. The clerk, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, read the names of the members of the churches who have passed to their rewards since the last meeting of our Association. Prayer was by M. H. Huffman.

63. At this time the body stood in appreciation of S. M. Stroupe's years of service.

64. Prayer by Mr. Stroupe closed the Forty-Fourth Session of the South Mountain Association.

S. M. Stroupe, Moderator
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk

Minute Fund

Abee's Chapel	$15.00	Mull's Chapel	15.00
Berea	12.00	Oak Ridge	15.00
Bethany	25.00	Olive Grove	7.00
Beulah	8.00	Pleasant Grove	8.00
Connelly Springs	15.00	Philadelphia	3.00
Corinth	7.00	Pisgah	15.00
Carswell Memorial	10.00	Shoupe's Grove	8.00
Drowning Creek	6.00	Smart's Grove	10.00
Henry River	15.00	South Fork	10.00
Hildebran View	5.00	St. Paul	14.40
Icard	20.00	St. John's	5.00
Mt. Gilead	5.00	Walker's Chapel	8.00
Mt. Hebron	10.00	Wilkie's Grove	5.00
Mt. Vernon	25.00	Zion Hill	10.00
Mt. Zion	8.50	Zoar	5.00

Ordained Minister Not Pastors in Association

Bethany	J. L. Bragg, Hildebran
Bethany	R. W. Williams, Hildebran
Bethany	Berl Childers, Hildebran
Beulah	Howard Sain, Rt. 3, Vale
Corinth	D. E. Newton
Henry River	Harry Parker, Hildebran
Henry River	Osco Parker, Rt. 4, Hickory
South Fork	Jason Stillwell, Rt. 4, Hickory
St. Paul	Seth Ivester, Lawndale
St. Paul	E. L. Towery, Casar
St. Paul	Andy Meade, Jr., Shelby
St. Paul	Virgil Glover, Casar
Zoar	Johnnie Spake, Rt. 1, Casar

Students for the Ministry

Oak Ridge	Berla Zimmerman

Licensed Ministers in Association

Berea	Hansel Bryant, Rt. 1, Valdese
Berea	Norris Brittian, Icard
Olive Grove	E. L. Iredell, Lawndale
St. Paul	Paul Crotts, Lawndale
St Paul	Larry Willis, Lawndale
St. Paul	Edsel Mull, Lawndale
Zoar	Junior Dale, Rt. 1, Casar

Musical Directors or Leaders

Abee's Chapel	Lee Roy Lowman, Rt. 1, Box 48, Valdese
Berea	Hansel Bryant, Rt. 1, Valdese
Bethany	Chester Eggers, Hildebran

Beulah ..... Fletcher Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale
Connelly Springs ..... Miss Mary Lail, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial ..... C. R. Poteat, Rt. 4, Morganton
Drowning Creek ..... J. G. Brittian, Icard
Henry River ..... John Edward Young, Hildebran
Hildebran View ..... Betty Hoyle
Icard ..... Garvine Franklin, Icard
Mt. Gilead ..... Aline Parker, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron ..... Harold C. Abernethy, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon ..... Clyle Canipe, Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion ..... Virginia Price, Casar
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Clyde McClurd, Valdese
Oak Ridge ..... Miss Geneva Chavis, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove ..... Grier Scism, Rt. 2, Casar
Pleasant Grove ..... Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Morganton
Philadelphia ..... Edna B. Kiser, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar
Shroupe's Grove ..... M. D. Justice, Icard
Smart's Grove ..... Bessie Hildebran, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
South Fork ..... Bruce Buchanan, Box 14, Hildebran
St. Paul ..... C. H. Crotts, Rt. 1, Casar
St. John's ..... Mamie McNeilly, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Walker's Chapel ..... Javan Keller
Wilkie's Grove ..... Judy Brittian
Zion Hill ..... Fred Sain, Rt. 3, Vale
Zoar ..... D. W. Chapman, Casar

Pianists or Organists

Abee's Chapel ..... Mrs. Mary F. Mourglea, Rt. 1. Connelly Springs
Berea ..... Mrs. Forrest Davis, Box 378, Connelly Springs
Bethany ..... Mrs. Willard Wycoff, Hildebran
Beulah ..... Mrs. Colene Sain, Rt. 2, Vale
Connelly Springs ..... Mrs. Paul Tutherow, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Carswell Memorial ..... Celia Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton
Drowning Creek ..... Mrs. Hattie Kirby, Rt. 5, Hickory
Henry River ..... Miss Frances Lowman, Rt. 4, Hickory
Hildebran View ..... Addie Hudson
Icard ..... Mrs. M. C. Warlick, Icard
Mt. Gilead ..... Mrs. R. B. Brooks, Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Clara Bradshaw, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon ..... Mrs. R. W. Hord, Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion ..... Ruth Ann Price, Casar
Mull's Chapel ..... Nancy Rhoney, Rt. 4, Hickory
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Peggy Sherrill, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Olive Grove ..... Wilma Johnson, Shelby
Pleasant Grove ..... Mrs. Eva William, Rt. 4, Morganton
Philadelphia ..... Patsy C. Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs

Pisgah ..... Nell Canipe, Rt. 1, Casar
Shoupe's Grove ..... Charlsie McGalliard, Hildebran
Smart's Grove ..... Elizabeth Lail, Rt. 4, Morganton
South Fork ..... Miss Rosalie Young, Rt. 4, Box 768, Hickory
St. Paul ..... Bentha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar
St. John's ..... Lillie McNeilly, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Walker's Chapel ..... Bonnie Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton
Wilkie's Grove ..... Joyce Hildebran
Zion Hill ..... Juanita Ramsey, Connelly Springs
Zoar ..... Mat Costner, Casar

Our Beloved Dead

Those Who Have Answered the Roll Call

Since September 30, 1953

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Mrs. Cora Icard

BEREA—Mr. Louie Spann

BETHANY—Mr. Glenn Abernethy, Mr. Joseph Edward Burgin, Mrs. Sandy Childers, Mr. Frank Elrod

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Staff Sgt. Thomas Winston Cook

HENRY RIVER—Mrs. Lillie Icard

MT. HEBRON—Mrs. Bertie Taylor

MT. VERNON—Mrs. Belle Wesson, Mr. Jimmy Leatherman

MT. ZION—Mr. Peter Sigmon, Mr. Ivy Chapman

MULL'S CHAPEL—Mr. George P. Mull

OAK RIDGE—Mrs. Dewey Duckworth, Mr. J. L. Smith (Deacon), Rev. A. A. Lockee

OLIVE GOVE—Mrs. Belzy Sigmon

PLEASANT GROVE—Miss Barbara Swink

PHILADELPHIA—Mrs. Nevada B. Hildebrand

ST. PAUL—Rosa Crotts Hoyle

WALKER's CHAPEL—Mr. Raymond Keller (Deacon)

WILKIE'S GROVE—Mrs. Lucinda Hildebran

ZION HILL—Mr. Thomas Propst, Mr. Jacob Self, Mrs. Martha Crow

Table A — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Churches	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk Hildebran Rev. S. M. Stroupe, Moderator Rt. 1, Connelly Springs Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Other Gains	Total Losses	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Male Membership	Female Membership	Revival Meetings	Number Tithers	St. Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary
Abee's Chapel	Rural	1886	2 4	A. R. Harris, N. Prospect St., Lenoir	3	1	8	128	....	128	....	....	2	20	...	1200.00
Berea	Rural	1947	All	Forrest Davis, Connelly Springs	7	9	7	54	36	90	36	54	2	30	...	2615.00
Bethany	T	1885	All	B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran	30	27	25	384	82	466	192	274	1	125	...	4420.00
Beulah	R	....	1234	Gordon Schrum, R5, Lincolnton	7	9	...	121	....	121	....	....	2	12	...	1680.00
Connelly Springs	V	1899	All	Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs	5	9	8	138	49	187	77	110	1	25	*	3380.00
Corinth	R	....	1 3	J. O. Mull, R3, Vale	5	...	7	....	....	163	60	103	2	...	...	567.69
Carswell Memorial	R	1938	2 4	B. B. Brooks, R1, Mooresboro	...	8	...	62	6	68	29	39	1	8	...	400.00
Drowning Creek	R	1952	All	Joe Greer, R5, Hickory	39	...	15	83	4	87	36	51	2	15	...	1090.00
Henry River	V	1940	All	Lamont Mayes, R4, Hickory	...	1	11	171	39	210	80	130	1	29	...	3115.00
Hildebran View	R	1946	1 3	John Abee, R1, Connelly Springs	6	...	1	29	1	30	2	28	1	...	...	110.00
Icard	V	....	All	A. V. Ledford, Icard	3	5	9	240	30	270	122	148	1	75	...	3848.00
Mt. Gilead	R	1888	1 3	B. B. Brooks, R1, Mooresboro	...	...	3	62	59	121	50	71	2	6	...	320.00
Mt. Hebron	R	....	All	S. M. Stroupe, R1, Connelly Springs	9	10	4	120	43	163	61	102	1	34	...	1560.00
Mt. Vernon	R	1840	All	R. W. Hord, R3, Vale	8	4	9	173	59	232	101	131	1	32	...	3120.00
Mt. Zion	R	1848	1 3	Roy Walker, Cherryville	5	4	9	75	95	170	....	....	1	...	...	600.00
Mull's Chapel	R	1871	2 4	J. E. Huffman, R2, Vale	...	1	3	66	43	109	36	73	1	9	...	960.00
Oak Ridge	R	1943	All	Ralph Berry, R2, Connelly Springs	9	11	9	157	35	192	94	98	2	58	...	3021.00
Olive Grove	R	1884	1234	E. L. McDaniel, Mooresboro	7	9	9	161	73	234	92	142	2	...	...	960.00
Pleasant Grove	R	1876	2 4	Julius Hildebran, R4, Hickory	13	2	1	75	22	97	43	54	2	3	...	630.00
Philadelphia	R	1946	1 3	Ralph Abee, R1, Connelly Springs	3	...	3	43	....	43	....	....	1	...	...	96.00
Pisgah	R	....	2 4	....	3	1	1	76	33	109	56	53	1	9	...	890.00
Shoupe's Grove	R	1892	All	....	14	5	8	164	....	164	....	....	1	19	...	2183.00
Smart's Grove	R	1935	2 4	W. L. Blanton, Casar	10	3	...	55	21	76	38	38	3	3	...	480.00
South Fork	R	1937	1 3	J. Astor Buchanan, Spruce Pine	2	2	28	75	8	83	33	50	2	14	...	1680.00
St. Paul	R	1842	1 3	Buren Hasting, R1, Casar	22	6	1	285	162	447	....	....	2	...	...	1371.00
St. John's	R	1842	1234	Buren Hasting, R1, Casar	4	2	1	68	13	81	29	52	2	...	...	813.96
Walker's Chapel	R	1915	1 3	W. L. Blanton, Casar	7	3	3	115	....	115	....	....	3	10	...	1005.94
Wilkie's Grove	R	1894	2 4	Chester Smart, R1, Connelly Springs	5	...	2	....	....	152	....	....	1	...	...	842.73
Zion Hill	R	1859	1 3	J. E. Huffman, R2, Vale	7	4	10	166	58	224	80	144	2	20	...	980.00
Zoar	R	1937	1 3	John H. Smart, R1, Connolly Springs	...	...	4	50	30	80	35	45	2	2	...	360.00
Totals	....	....	...	....	234	136	199	3390	1001	4712	1382	1990	48	558	1	44299.32

Churches	Paul Crotts, Assn. Superintendent Rt. 3, Lawndale Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	VBS Enrolment	Average Attendance	Jan. Bible Study	Training Schools
Abee's Chapel	Oliver C. Carter, Valdese	15	24	15	10	21	54	20	...	11	170	120	....	....	...	...
Berea	Bobby Paige, Hildebran	...	24	22	23	18	33	30	...	2	152	83	86	81	*	...
Bethany	Ray Childers, Hildebran	24	41	48	47	47	29	184	18	5	443	232	190	162	*	1
Beulah	Fletcher Leathermon, R2, Vale	...	16	9	17	18	18	21	...	...	99	60	66	48	...	...
Connelly Springs	E. E. Hoyle, Hickory	17	10	26	27	19	17	59	12	3	190	106	95	89	*	...
Corinth	A. G. McNeilly, R1, Casar	...	24	15	12	...	20	25	...	...	96	70	....	....	*	...
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsey, R4, Morganton	...	7	...	8	10	11	14	...	...	50	40	....	....	....	....
Drowning Creek	J. G. Brittian, Icard	18	9	32	26	37	13	49	...	...	184	95	99	76	...	1
Henry River	Ben Raby, Henry River	24	47	40	37	32	23	108	...	...	311	146	157	118	...	...
Hildebran View	W. L. Hudson, R1, Connelly Springs	...	12	10	10	13	...	15	...	...	60	45	....	....	....	....
Icard	C. J. Berry, Icard	4	23	18	35	35	30	100	8	4	257	169	89	78	*	1
Mt. Gilead	Buna Parker, R1, Connelly Springs	...	20	...	16	...	16	18	...	...	70	40	....	....	....	...
Mt. Hebron	Roy Cook, R4, Morganton	8	20	12	32	25	19	69	...	3	188	107	79	70	...	...
Mt. Vernon	Kermit Pendleton, R2, Vale	21	28	21	39	20	47	50	...	5	231	114	94	75	*	...
Mt. Zion	Bulan Short, Casar	...	18	5	6	3	8	25	...	5	80	....	56	50	*	...
Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, R1, Connelly Springs	10	8	7	17	10	7	55	6	...	120	73	....	....	....	...
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, R2, Connelly Springs	8	14	26	31	27	23	101	8	4	242	144	99	74	*	4
Olive Grove	Eugene Walker, R1, Casar	...	18	10	21	35	33	25	...	...	140	138	....	....	....	...
Pleasant Grove	C. A. Martin, R1, Connelly Springs	5	10	25	15	15	12	43	...	1	126	95	....	....	....	..
Philadelphia	Richard Franklin, R1, Connelly Spr'gs	5	2	10	6	4	15	12	...	...	54	40	....	....	....	....
Pisgah	N. W. Pruett, R1, Casar	...	13	19	14	4	31	45	...	5	131	80	....	....	....	...
Shoupe's Grove	Lee Roy Childers, R2, Connelly Spr'gs	7	34	34	39	29	54	41	...	23	264	145	123	118	...	...
Smart's Grove	R. E. Moses, R1, Connelly Springs	4	19	9	10	...	19	48	...	5	114	85	....	....	....	...
South Fork	Millard Buchanan, Hildebran	...	20	14	13	16	18	32	...	...	113	81	....	....	..	...
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, R1, Casar	...	32	28	39	44	38	99	...	6	288	146	59	56	*	...
St. John's	Lonnie Brittian, R1, Connelly Springs	...	18	18	10	15	15	27	...	...	103	70	....	....	....	...
Walker's Chapel	J. M. Huffman, R4, Morganton	...	18	21	27	27	48	39	...	...	180	125	....	....	....	...
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, R1, Connelly Springs	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	...	145	90	....	....	....	....
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, R1, Connelly Springs	...	31	16	35	32	23	84	...	6	227	147	56	55	*	2
Zoar	Everette Costner, Casar	...	...	14	14	12	11	26	...	...	77	49	....	....	....	...
Totals	....	170	560	521	636	568	685	1467	52	88	4905	2935	1348	1150	10	9

Table C — TRAINING UNION

Churches	Rev. Earl Konkle, Assn. Director Connelly Springs Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers Enrolled	Grand Total	Average Attendance
Berea	Virgil Buff, Hildebran	...	9	16	16	8	10	9	2	70	60
Bethany	Mrs. Ruby Harwell, Hildebran	...	7	8	23	19	10	29	4	110	60
Connelly Springs	Mrs. H. D. Smith, Rutherford College	...	...	8	7	10	...	16	2	43	37
Drowning Creek	William F. Barns, Rt. 5, Hickory	7	10	19	34	31	6	22	3	132	58
Henry River	John Edward Young, Hildebran	...	...	26	15	19	...	19	3	82	71
Icard	Mrs. John Church, Rt. 1, Connelly Spg.	...	...	10	11	11	7	17	2	58	50
Mt. Hebron	Miss Margaret Young, Rt. 4, Hickory	3	...	8	14	8	...	13	2	48	41
Oak Ridge	Miss Faye Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.	2	10	12	14	9	6	13	3	67	66
Shoupe's Grove	Ralph Thorne, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	...	...	11	13	22	5	22	3	77	50
South Fork	Mrs. Florence Buchanan, Hildebran	...	8	...	8	...	1	6	2	37	25
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, Rt. 3, Lawndale	...	...	...	13	8	18	12	2	53	33
Totals	....	12	44	118	168	145	63	178	28	777	551

Table D — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Churches	Mrs. Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs Associational President Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	R.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	R.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Berea	Mrs. Virgil Buff, Hildebran	1	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	22	20
Bethany	Mrs. John Johnson, Hildebran	1	1	2	1	1	6	46	26	30	23	40	165	95
Connelly Springs	Mrs. C. E. Hudson, Connelly Spgs.	1	1	...	...	...	2	20	11	...	...	...	31	15
Drowning Creek	Mrs. J. G. Brittian, Icard	1	...	...	...	...	1	19	...	...	...	...	19	11
Henry River	Mrs. Vance Brittian, Icard	1	1	2	1	...	5	22	9	28	7	...	66	22
Icard	Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Icard	1	1	2	1	1	6	31	10	23	22	16	102	33
Mt. Vernon	Mrs. R. W. Hord, Rt. 3, Vale	1	...	...	...	1	2	29	...	...	...	36	65	14
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Olin Carpenter, Connelly Springs	1	...	2	1	1	5	21	...	20	6	30	77	58
Shoupe's Grove	Mrs. Elsie Childers, Connelly Springs	1	...	...	...	...	1	32	...	...	...	...	32	...
St. Paul	Mrs. Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Lawndale	1	...	...	...	...	1	18	...	...	...	...	18	12
Walker's Chapel	Brintie Arrowood, Rt. 4, Morganton	1	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	10	...
Totals	....	11	4	8	4	4	30	270	56	101	58	122	607	280

Table E — BROTHERHOODS — GOALS, ETC.

Churches	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Brotherhood Enr.	Meetings Held	Total Enrolment	Total Meetings	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Church Debt at End of Year	Co-op Program Goal Next Year	Asso. Missions Goal Next Year	Church Library	Number Choirs	Choir Enrolment	Music Tng. Course
Abee's Chapel							9524					1		*
Berea							3685				*	2	18	
Bethany						17000	80000	14750	1650		*	2	45	
Beulah	Bud Willis, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	12	12	12	12		20000					2	30	*
Connelly Springs						5000	50000	14400	**			1	25	
Corinth							13000							
Carswell Memorial							8000		20	20		1	20	
Drowning Creek										60				
Henry River						6814	31302	2411						
Hildebran View							2500					1		
Icard	Roy Simpson, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	24	12	24	12	5000	50000	11420			*	2	35	
Mt. Gilead							4000							
Mt. Hebron						5000	20000				*			
Mt. Vernon						10000	30000		**			1	25	
Mt. Zion							4000					1	25	
Mull's Chapel							30000			60				*
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.	16	12	16	12		18375					1	16	
Olive Grove							8000							
Pleasant Grove							5000					1	25	
Philadelphia							3500							
Pisgah														
Shoupe's Grove	Lee Roy Childers, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.	27	12	27	12	6000	22000	9958						
Smart's Grove							5000							*
South Fork						4000	10000			60		1		*
St. Paul							22000					2	50	
St. John's							5000							
Walker's Chapel	Bill Blanton, Casar	8	12	8	12		8000							
Wilkie's Grove							18000	350				1	20	
Zion Hill							30500		72	60		1		
Zoar							15000	1000						
Totals		87	60	87	60	58814	526386	54289		260	4	21	334	5

** 10% Increase

TABLE F — CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Churches	S. A. Carswell, Icard Associational Treasurer Treasurers and Addresses	All Receipts for Year	Tot. l Salaries except Pastor's	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses, Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses excluding Pastor's Salary	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Abee's Chapel	Glen Lowman, Box 27, Valdese	2738.06	400.00	94.50	420.60	100.17	324.27	324.52	.....	104.50	1768.56	1200.00	2968.56
Berea	Earl F. Church, Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs.	4352.70	120.00	43.95	84.76	231.02	131.32	140.00	.....	318.48	1069.53	2615.30	3684.53
Bethany	Jones Abernethy, Hildebran	18560.37	780.00	118.32	3184.78	848.37	147.31	361.22	6026.19	2988.72	14454.91	4420.00	18874.91
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 290-1st. Ave., Hickory	3019.84	120.00	33.64	.....	129.72	72.56	151.85	.....	565.45	1073.22	1680.00	2753.22
Connelly Springs ..	Mrs. Daisy Lester, Box 543, Valdese ..	8251.63	240.00	477.73	6700.00	185.73	277.27	110.00	682.18	175.00	9148.41	3165.00	12313.41
Corinth	C. S. Botts, Rt. 1, Casar	.....	58.67	.....	97.25	117.60	107.54	76.55	.....	.....	457.61	567.69	1025.30
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteat, Rt. 4, Morganton ..	2738.81	37.00	127.70	3503.60	84.47	5.26	102.00	.....	42.96	3902.99	412.00	4314.99
Drowning Creek ..	J. V. White, Rt. 5, Box 245, Hickory ..	2824.20	.....	.....	.....	240.00	.....	148.06	500.00	700.00	1638.06	1090.00	2728.06
Henry River	Vance Brittian, Rt. 4, Hickory	6196.01	260.00	161.13	.....	321.06	122.3	75.00	900.00	748.86	2588.35	3115.00	5703.35
Hildebran View ..	Ivey Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs ..	.....	15.00	.....	.....	40.09	.....	55.00	.....	.....	110.00	125.00	235.00
Icard	Julia Carswell, Rt. 1, Connelly Spring	12014.18	624.00	70.57	2000.00	458.85	371.3	75.00	540.00	580.00	22719.80	3848.00	26567.80
Mt. Gilead	Buna Parker, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs .	2539.00	.....	.....	1039.00	.....	.....	75.00	.....	35.00	1149.00	320.00	1469.00
Mt. Hebron	Harold Abernethy, Connelly Springs ..	.....	240.00	190.00	150.00	270.00	133.90	80.00	2200.00	125.00	3378.90	1560.00	4938.90
Mt. Vernon	Paul Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale	6290.00	270.00	199.36	355.55	232.77	17.34	150.00	.....	186.59	1411.61	3120.00	4531.61
Mt. Zion	Glenn Parker, Casar	1361.34	761.34	78.40	.....	126.63	.....	122.00	.....	205.00	.....	600.00	1132.03
Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Rt. 4, Box 120	9714.60	38.25	36.41	12261.67	131.23	110.2	59.20	.....	75.33	12715.30	992.00	13707.3
Oak Ridge	Miss Wilma Anderson, Connelly Spgs.	8474.82	315.00	94.80	113.5	442.09	.....	218.00	.....	1769.00	2952.44	3021.00	5973.44
Olive Grove	C. L. Cretts, Rt. 1, Casar	1915.60	96.00	257.41	35.00	100.23	.....	280.00	.....	86.64	855.28	960.00	1815.28
Pleasant Grove ...	James Martin, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs	1531.57	103.10	186.86	275.00	60.00	.....	159.00	.....	30.57	814.53	630.00	1444.53
Philadelphia	Billie E. Lowman, Rt. 4, Connelly Spgs.	.....	.....	.....	285.00	27.44	20.00	47.94	216.51	29.31	626.20	96.62	722.82
Pisgah	Mrs. Robert Beam, Casar	2739.63	260.00	456.00	548.03	128.96	183.41	100.00	.....	53.30	1729.88	890.00	2619.88
Shoupe's Grove ..	J. A. Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs ..	.....	.....	193.39	.....	224.46	142.48	105.00	1245.00	2067.50	3977.93	2183.00	6160.93
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Belle Lail, Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	92.77	.....	380.11	.....	378.13	851.01	180.00	2182.02
South Fork	Miss Rosalie Young, Rt. 4, Hickory ...	3191.55	111.00	464.36	.....	145.02	285.7	342.00	.....	273.96	1655.06	1680.00	3335.06
St. Paul	Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston	4000.23	145.00	84.94	.....	262.82	608.30	231.69	.....	775.83	2108.58	1371.40	3479.98
St. John's	Mrs. Ruby Huffman, Connelly Spgs. ..	2964.13	.....	16.00	811.76	49.40	.....	425.06	.....	172.51	1777.73	813.96	2591.69
Walker's Chapel ..	Miles Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton	2100.00	60.00	.....	238.00	78.36	96.00	290.05	.....	36.11	798.52	1005.94	1804.46
Wilkie's Grove	Earl Wright, Rt. 4, Hickory	5009.08	.....	62.00	.....	81.36	.....	56.21	3742.42	221.35	1166.25	842.73	5009.08
Zion Hill	Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt. 3, Lawndale ..	4820.75	192.00	312.18	413.40	343.07	180.34	240.00	.....	998.97	2679.76	980.0	3659.76
Zoar	Everett Costner, Casar	.....	64.00	64.72	.....	60.66	89.41	140.00	2666.66	2.55	3084.00	360.00	3444.00
Totals.....	....	117688.10	7343.36	3820.37	50522.95	5955.25	3426.3	5120.46	18664.96	14049.73	105663.52	41111.71	151190 0

Table G — GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, ETC.

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief, Annuity, Other objects	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Connelly Springs	.....	.....	77.06	.....	.....	.....	84.50	94.97	59.30	315.83	3284.39
Berea	Mrs. Viola Bryant, Connelly Springs	6.50	50.00	10.00	10.00	53.00	.....	46.68	43.40	8.10	227.68	3912.21
Bethany	Miss Mary F. Eggers, Hildebran	1058.30	6.40	92.88	101.90	159.22	100.00	179.77	80.55	40.00	1819.02	20693.93
Beulah	Mrs. Dorothy Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale	.....	.....	15.05	.....	10.00	.....	6.97	10.00	.....	42.02	2795.24
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Harold D. Smith, Rutherford Col.	130.23	.....	65.00	70.00	53.00	.....	114.00	50.00	42.43	522.16	12835.57
Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, Box 16, Casar	.....	20.19	.....	12.60	.....	.....	31.46	.....	.....	64.25	1089.55
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, Rt. 4, Morganton	45.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	36.00	27.50	.....	128.50	4443.49
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ralph Settlemyre, Rhodhiss	90.00	.....	.....	79.95	.....	.....	16.00	.....	30.00	215.95	2944.01
Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River	.....	.....	13.09	9.56	78.10	75.00	22.34	18.15	60.00	276.24	5979.59
Hildebran View	Haywood Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	20.00	40.00	275.00
Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	798.00	.....	71.15	49.00	65.43	.....	227.00	15.00	62.60	1288.18	27855.98
Mt. Gilead	Clara McNeilly, Rt.1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	20.00	1489.00
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Mae Abernethy, R1, Connelly S	100.00	30.00	10.00	25.00	25.00	52.00	51.50	35.00	83.21	411.71	5350.61
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, R2, Vale	607.45	20.00	25.90	23.95	50.80	.....	46.79	34.05	28.34	837.29	5368.90
Mt. Zion	Sam Proctor, R1, Lawndale	73.37	.....	7.50	10.00	.....	.....	128.44	10.00	.....	229.31	1361.34
Mull's Chapel	Miss Jennie L. Laughridge, R1, C. Spg.	53.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	36.50	35.00	173.63	13880.93
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, R2, Connelly Spgs.	261.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	116.90	75.00	317.45	790.35	6763.79
Olive Grove	C. E. Crotts, R1, Casar	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.32	20.00	50.00	.....	100.00	1915.60
Pleasant Grove	Miss Annie R. Hoyle, R1, Connelly Sp.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	22.67	.....	42.67	1487.20
Philadelphia	Mrs. Sallie Reep, R1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	10.00	732.82
Pisgah	Clarence Parker, R1, Casar	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	155.00	75.00	25.00	320.00	2939.88
Shoupe's Grove	Venice A. Seagle, R2, Connelly Springs	80.00	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	20.00	.....	.....	110.00	6270.93
Smart's Grove	Flora Leil, R4, Morganton	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	.....	22.25	50.00	269.19	352.44	2534.46
South Fork	Mrs. Lucille Wilson, R1, Hickory	.....	25.00	20.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	.....	145.00	3480.06
St. Paul	J. Z. Newton, R1, Casar	75.06	.....	40.00	60.00	.....	.....	101.00	50.00	.....	326.06	3806.04
St. John's	Lillie Huffman, R1, Connelly Springs	.....	.....	20.80	.....	.....	.....	94.31	69.06	.....	184.17	2775.86
Walker's Chapel	Dora Cook, R1, Valdese	.....	.....	13.10	.....	15.27	.....	164.44	12.73	.....	205.54	2400.00
Wilkie's Grove	Joseph G. Burns, R2, Connelly Spring	.....	43.79	25.14	.....	.....	.....	58.92	66.75	.....	194.60	5203.68
Zion Hill	Fred Sain, R3, Vale	87.30	25.00	28.10	12.59	12.50	25.00	23.35	22.17	17.20	253.12	3912.88
Zoar	T. G. McNeilly, Spindale	.....	.....	.....	7.14	.....	10.00	12.50	5.11	.....	34.75	3478.75
Totals	.....	3505.34	220.38	574.77	481.60	539.32	317.32	1920.12	1033.61	1088.82	9680.47	161261.69

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Minutes

of the

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Forty - Fifth Session
1955

FIRST DAY _____ CONNELLY SPRINGS
SECOND DAY _____ PISGAH
October 13-14, 1955

North Carolina

1956 Session will be held on Thursday and Friday after the second Sunday in October (October 18-19)

First Day _____ ~~Icard~~
Second Day _____ Mull's Chapel

Julius Hildebran will preach the Doctrinal Sermon
Ralph Berry will preach the Missionary Sermon

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Vice-Mod.-- Ralph Berry, Rt.2, Connelly Springs
Clerk ----- Mrs. Frank Hicks, Rt.3, Lawndale
Treasurer - Harold Smith, Rutherford College
Brotherhood-Delbert Walker, Box 13, Fallston
Hospital
Evangelism
Orphanage

Sorry that I could not get a more complete record for you.

Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

DIRECTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Officers

Moderator _____ J. E. Huffman, Rt. 2, Vale
Vice-Moderator _____ A. V. Ledford, Icard
Clerk _____ Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran
Treasurer _____ S. A. Carswell, Icard
S. S. Supt. & Missionary _____ Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Lawndale
Asst. S. S. Superintendent _____ B. H. Cline, Rt. 1, Casar
Training Union Director _____ Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Asst. Training Union Dir. _____ Mrs. B. H. Cline, Rt. 1, Casar
Vacation Bible School _____ Joe Richards, Box 132, Icard
Asst. Vacation Bible School ____ Mrs. Joe Richards, Box 132, Icard
W. M. U. Superintendent ____ Mrs. Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Asst. W. M. U. _____ Mrs. W. J. Smart, Hildebran
Hospital Representative _____ M. A. Huffman, Icard
Orphanage Rep. _____ Forrest Davis, Box 378, Connelly Springs
Homes for the Aging ____ Mrs. Brintie Arrowood, Rt. 4, Morganton
Evangelism _____ B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran
Brotherhood _____ Robert Rhoney, Rt. 4, Hickory
Pianist _____ Mrs. Beatrice Lingerfelt, Icard
Choirist _____ Lamont Mayes, Hildebran

Executive Committee

J. E. Hoffman _____ Rt. 2, Vale
A. V. Ledford _____ Icard
S. A. Carswell _____ Icard
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook _____ Box 135, Hildebran
Paul Crotts _____ Rt. 3, Lawndale
Ralph Berry _____ Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Earl Konkle _____ Connelly Springs
Mrs. Earl Konkle _____ Connelly Springs
Robert Rhoney _____ Rt. 4, Hickory
B. R. Holbrook _____ Box 135, Hildebran
S. M. Stroupe _____ Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
B. H. Cline _____ Rt. 1, Casar

Woman's Missionary Union

Superintendent _____ Mrs. Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs
Assoc. Superintendent _____ Mrs. W. J. Smart, Hildebran
Sec. - Treas. _____ Mrs. Harold Smith, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs

Young People's Leader __ Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Box 135, Hildebran
Royal Ambassador Leader _____ Clarence Berry, Icard
Stewardship Chairman _____ Mrs. Paul Crotts, Rt. 3, Lawndale
Mission Study Chmn. ____ Mrs. Ralph Berry, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs.
Community Missions Chairman ____ Mrs. D. C. Upton, Rt. 2, Vale
Literature Chairman _____ Mrs. Randall Yoder, Hildebran
Margaret Fund & Carver School ____ Mrs. G. T. Greenway, Icard

CONSTITUTION

1. This body shall be known as "The South Mountain Baptist Association".

2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches.

3. The messengers from any Missionary Baptist Church may be admitted into this Association upon recommendation of the Committee on Petitionary Letters and the majority vote of members present at any regular meeting.

4. Any church in good fellowship may, at her discretion, withdraw from this body.

5. This Association may at any meeting after investigation and report of a duly authorized committee of the Association by a majority vote declare a dissolution of union with any Church deemed corrupt, either in doctrine or practice.

6. Any church in this Association, with fifty members or under, may send three messengers, with one additional for each succeeding fifty members, or major fraction thereof.

7. At each session of this Association a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer shall be chosen by vote and shall hold office until their successors are elected.

8. The meetings of the Association shall be held annually beginning on Thursday after the Second Sunday of October, unless otherwise ordered by the Association of the Executive Board.

9. The design of this Association is to promote the cause of true religion within the several churches of which it is or may be composed, and to sustain the various objects fostered by the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Association has no authority over any church nor any right to interfere with its internal concerns.

11. For the mutual benefit of the churches composing this Association it shall be the duty of each church to forward with messengers a written communication to each annual meeting, specifying the names of messengers, statistics of the church for the foregoing year, giving account of its spiritual conditions, and stating the names of the pastor and other licentiates or ordained ministers connected with the church.

12. (a) In the interregnum between its regular annual sessions the business of the Association shall be committed to an Executive Board

of 10 members chosen carefully by the body with a view to their capacity and interest in the work fostered by the Association, and shall report their proceedings at each Annual Session of the Association.

(b) The board shall hold an annual meeting on the Wednesday first after the adjournment of the Association of each year, or as near as possible, at which it shall perfect an organization, appointing such committee from its membership as the interest of the work may demand.

(c) The officers of the Association shall be the officers of the Board.

(d) The Board shall hold an annual meeting, at which time the work of the year shall be planned and launched; monthly meetings thereafter and special meetings at the call of the chairman.

(e) Two successive absences from the regular meetings of this Board without satisfactory explanation on the part of any member shall automatically render his place on the Board vacant.

(f) The Board shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies that may occur between the annual sessions of the Association.

(g) Six members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Business.

13. The special and standing committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

14. This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting provided such alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing at one session and acted upon at the next.

15. "Kerfoot's Parliamentary Laws," as far as applicable, shall be followed in the government of the Association.

Rules of Order

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. All questions of procedure shall be decided by Kerfoot's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.

3. In view of the fact that the officers of our Association come to the annual meeting with plans made for the session, be it resolved that we elect our officers at the close of the meeting to act till the close of the next annual meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF ORDER

1. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by the permission of the Association.

2. No subject which has been decided by the Association shall be considered again during the same session, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move reconsideration.

3. Churches that make application for membership in the Association shall be received under the watchcare for one year, then, if they prove to be sound in faith and cooperative in our denominational work, shall be received into full fellowship.

4. All questions be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

ABEE'S CHAPEL—Adele Setzer, Nellie Lowman, Lillie Mae Lowman, J. A. Willis

BEREA—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spann, Miss Lola Berry, Mrs. Betty Carver, Forrest Davis

BETHANY—Howard Abernethy, Mrs. Buie Hicks, Boyd Abernethy, Mrs. Horace Rhoney, B. J. Abernethy, Mrs. Jones Abernethy

BEULAH—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sain, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Upton

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—John Lindsey, Mrs. Ellen Poteat, Mrs. Versie Carswell

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Walter Berry, J. C. Icard, Mrs. Ivey Bumgarner, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Konkle

CORINTH—H. G. McNeilly, Earl Hastings, Leeroy Hudson, Raymond McNeilly

DROWNING CREEK—J. C. Keller, Mrs. Ralph Settlemyre, Mrs. Frank Barnes, Joe Greer.

HENRY RIVER—Lamont Mayes, Mrs. Vance Brittain, Mrs. W. J. Smart, Harry Parker

HILDEBRAN VIEW—

ICARD—Mrs. Eugene Glass, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Lottie Carswell, M. A. Huffman, W. D. Justus

MT. GILEAD—Mrs. Buna Lane, Mrs. Bill Parker, Mrs. Bessie Chapman, Mrs. Ruth Parker

MT. HEBRON—Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stroupe, Mrs. Bune Taylor, Mrs. Roy Cook, Mrs. Vea Stroupe

MT. VERNON—McKinley Davis, John A. Burton, D. M. Tallent, Mrs. P. T. Hoyle

MT. ZION—Mrs. Sammie Proctor, Mrs. Ruffin Short, Bob Fortenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lindsey

MULL'S CHAPEL—A. C. Peeler, D. R. Rhoney, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Workman

OLIVE GROVE—John Cook, Cleveland Cook, P. M. Deal, Mrs. Flora Cook, Johnnie Walker

OAK RIDGE—Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Mrs. L. C. Carpenter, Mrs. John Black, G. R. Sherrill, Glenn Stephens

PLEASANT GROVE—Joe M. Walker, Hubert H. Lindsay, Mrs. Junnie Cook, Mrs. Essie Hudson

PHILADELPHIA—Lola Buff, Richard Franklin, Morston Huffman, Medie Franklin

PISGAH—Ruth Clian, Neel Canipe, Zero Parker, A. A. Parker, Andrew Costner

SHOUPE'S GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richards, Lillian Childers, Elsie Childers, Edna Seagle, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Damerson

SMART'S GROVE—R. E. Moses, Mary Moses, Beulah Lail, Belle Lail, Tom Mace

SOUTH FORK—Gordon Crump, Mrs. Edna Miller, Mrs. Lola Burns, Mrs. Lucille Crump, Mrs. Milam Propst

ST. JOHN'S—Jinks Brittian, Isabelle Brittian, Glenn Hoyle, Ruby Huffman

ST. PAUL—Bill Blanton, Mrs. Barney Downs, Mrs. Bob Willis, W. A. Cook, Mrs. Roy Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Newton

WALKER'S CHAPEL—Mackey Huffman, Filo Huffman, Milas Huffman, Albert Wellman

WILKIE'S GROVE—Earl Wright, Everette Wright, Alice Wilkie, Edna Herman, Carlis Young

ZION HILL—Marshel Buff, Della Buff, Stuart Ramsey, Pearl Ramsey, Curtis Yancey

ZOAR—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Chapman, Mrs. Carl Whitworth, Mrs. Everette Costner, J. C. White, Plato Hull

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Fifty-fifth Annual Session
of the
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Connelly Springs and Pisgah Churches
October 13 and 14, 1955

First Day, Connelly Springs, Morning Session

1. The Association was called to order at 9:30 a.m., with the Moderator, J. E. Hoffman, presiding.

2. The congregation was led in singing, "All Hail the Power", by Lamont Mayes.

3. The opening devotional period was conducted by B. R. Holbrook from Exodus 13:13-15 and Matthew 16:13-19. He spoke on the theme of the meeting "Forward With Christ". The worship period was closed by the congregation singing "Glory to His Name".

4. The chairman of the Program Committee, Earl Konkle, presented the program. The Program was adopted, as it appears in the proceedings, with necessary changes made by the Association.

5. The host pastor, Earl Konkle, welcomed all messengers and visitors to Connelly Springs Church. The floral display was given by the church in memory of the following: Joe Wilson, John Deal, J. T. Cook and J. L. Smith.

6. Time was allotted for the enrollment of messengers.

7. The Executive Committee report was given by Mrs. B. R. Holbrook as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee held three meetings during the year. The first meeting was at Bethany, November 12, 1954. The devotional period was conducted by S. M. Stroupe.

Business session was presided over by Moderator, J. E. Hoffman. It was decided that a meeting would be held each quarter on the second Friday night of the first month. The question arose as to the checks that were being sent for missionary work. A committee, com-

posed of Ralph Berry, B. R. Holbrook and Earl Konkle, was elected to get advice from General Board at State Convention.

The second meeting was held at Icard, January 5, 1955. A. V. Ledford led in the worship period. J. E. Hoffman presided.

Ralph Berry gave the report from the General Board. They recommended that the money be used for part time missionary in view of employing one later as full time worker. Spring Session would be held at Mt. Hebron, May 7, 1955.

The last meeting was held at Zion Hill April 3, 1955. Mr. Hoffman read the scripture and Mr. Ledford led in prayer.

J. E. Hoffman presided during business session. The Committee went on record as accepting plans for a camp site in the South Mountains, as presented by John Beam. Committee to represent our Association as follows: Ray Childers, Paul Crotts and Clarence Berry. Clerk was asked to write to each church informing them that Paul Crotts would carry on missionary work. Also asking that they state how much they would be able to help on the support of a missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

8. S. A. Carswell gave the Treasurer report as follows:

TREASURER REPORT

Balance in treasury October 1, 1954	$ 52.93
Minute Fund	453.50
State checks for missionary work	796.80
Associational collections and checks for missionary work	670.62
	$1973.85
Paid out as folows:	
Minutes	$ 251.57
Clerk	100.00
Postage	3.25
Associational Missionary	1467.42
	$1822.24
Balance in treasury October 1, 1955	$ 151.41

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Carswell

9. The report on Sunday School was read and discussed by Paul Crotts. Adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The theme for this year was "Let Us Go On," and our Churches, did that this year. We received 312 by Baptisms, 186 by letter in the Churches according to the reports.

During the year twelve monthly meetings were held, with fifty per cent of our Churches attending. The average attendance was 123 present in these meetings. About all of our Sunday Schools had a gain this year over last year in attendance.

Let us as workers pray that more laborers will be sent into the vineyard in the coming year.

Mrs. Hudson has $4.00 in the treasury.

We had about fifty per cent of our Churches making monthly report this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts, Supt.
Mrs. W. M. Hudson, Sec.-Treas.

10. Visitors recognized at this time were Zeb A. Caudle, Albemarle, Buren Hastings, Caldwell Association, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Devine, East Valdese Church and Marse Grant, Thomasville.

11. New pastors were introduced at this time as follows: C. R. Upton, Beulah, Jason Stillwell, St. John's and Gordon Crump, South Fork.

12. Training Union report was read and spoken to by Earl Konkle. Adopted as follows:

TRAINING UNION REPORT

Have we availed ourselves to the plan of training in our churches? Have we in our churches the plan of training that our people need?

The answer to these questions can be summed up in just a few words.

We are willing to try many things and many ways to make our lives successful in a business and material world. As we review our past year in training union I find that that is just about what we have done.

With our 30 churches in the South Mountain Association we still have only 11 with a plan of training. Is it that we are still saying within ourselves, let some one else do it?

With the tremendous amount of lost people all about us and so few willing to meet the challenge of being a soul winner let us ask ourselves another question. What does God expect of us? When we let the Holy Spirit speak clearly in our hearts I am sure the answer will be, "make disciples of every creature". Some will say I can't. Why can't they? Because they have not been trained.

Each of us as an individual will be held accountable for what we have done and what we have not done. May the desire to train ourselves in a spiritual manner be upper most in our lives in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl R. Konkle
Associational Director

13. S. M. Stroupe asked change in program in order that Marse Grant, editor of "Charity and Children" might speak.

14. Mr. Grant, introduced by the moderator, spoke on the paper he edits and our Orphanage at Thomasville. He also carried us into another world as he spoke on "What are the hopes and handicaps of children in other lands".

15. Due to the absence of the Vacation Bible School representative, time was given to Zeb A. Caudle, from Albemarle Home for Aged, to tell us about the home, residents and how they are cared for.

16. The report on Stewardship was read by S. M. Stroupe in the absence of W. L. Blanton. After discussion by him the report was adopted.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

"Stewardship is that God owns all things," ourselves included. I Cor. 6:19-20, "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price." The only position a Christian can take regarding Stewardship is that of complete surrender to God.

But there is more to be considered than the money when we study the great principle of Stewardship. The Christian is responsible to God for the way in which he uses his time. He is responsible for his talents and his abilities. The impression we make upon others must be accounted for. In short, all of life must be lived in keeping with the will of God, and the Christian who refuses to recognize God in all his life is not a "Faithful Steward."

We are stewards of our possessions. Man must account to God for every penny that comes into his possession. At least one tenth of his income must be returned to God, but that Christian who really loves the Lord will give more than a tithe. There will be a desire to give His Lord an offering.

Respectfully submitted
W. L. Blanton

17. Appointment of Committee on Committees, by the Moderator, was as follows: Ralph Berry, S. M. Stroupe and Paul Crotts.

18. Lamont Mayes led the congregation in singing, "Amazing Grace".

19. A. V. Ledford preached the Doctrinal Sermon. His subject was, "Permanency of Salvation". His Scripture lesson was from John 10:27-29.

20. The morning session closed with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance", prayer by A. V. Ledford. A bountiful lunch was enjoyed by all.

First Day, Afternoon Session

21. The Moderator, J. E. Hoffman, called the Association to order at 1:15 p.m.

22. Song "Sunlight" was led by B. R. Holbrook. The devotional period was conducted by M. A. Huffman from first Psalm.

23. Visitors recognized at this time were as follows: Rev. Robert E. Seymour, Mars Hill College, Rev. C. Kenneth Pepper, Baptist State Hospital, Winston-Salem, Budd E. Smith, President, Wingate College, Dr. J. Allen Easley, Wake Forest College, and Dr. Lawson Allen, Gardner-Webb College.

24. Report on Christian Education was adopted in order to give more time to the four representatives named above. Each one was given time to speak on four of our colleges.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

It is likely that in the near future we shall hase thirty five to forty thousand young men and women in our State seeking an education, a college education, a Christian education. We do not have the facilities available for this large number of worthy young men and women. We have seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina that are doing a marvelous work in taking care of as many as possible of these worthy young people.

Let us note where these centers of Christian Education are located and when they began operation. We have Wake Forest College founded in 1834, located in Wake Forest, Wake Co. Chowan Junior College founded in 1848, Murfreesboro, Hertford Co. Mars Hill Junior College, located in Mars Hill, Madison Co. Campbell Junior College, founded in 1887, Wingate in Union Co. Meredith College founded in 1899, Raleigh, in Wake Co. Gardner Webb Junior College founded in 1907, Boiling Springs, in Cleveland Co. All these Colleges are co-educational except Meredith which is for young women, only.

These seven Colleges had a combined enrollment last school year of around four thousand and eight hundred. The enrollment this school year is some larger each college having its full capacity of students. In these Colleges there are about 440 Ministerial Students, and about 240 Mission Volunteers. The seven thriving colleges are managed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Baptist students enrolled in all North Carolina Colleges last year numbered close to fifteen thousand. There were only four thousand of these in our Baptist Colleges. Of all Baptist young people who graduate from High School, one out of four go to college, and about one out of twelve graduating from high school go to one of our Baptist Colleges.

People no longer question the need for knowledge and true education. The present demands of our world make education a necessity. We observe the fruits of Christian education in our best homes. The best churches are those which seek trained men and women for leadership. Our denominational activities in all departments are dependent upon trained men and women.

Our Foreign Mission Board insists that only those young men and young women who have had college and Seminary training can be considered prepared to carry the gospel message to the world.

With our High Schools filled with noble boys and girls, certainly we can say, as Baptists we are facing our greatest opportunities in the work of Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe

25. Report on Religious Literature was presented by G. T. Greenway. The discussion was opend by Mr. Greenway. Rev. C. W. Bazemore, associate editor of "The Biblical Recorder", was introduced and spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE REPORT

The things we read guide our lives to a great extent. The message of the printed page can go to many places where the spoken word and sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lord's work and in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of people today. The devil is using the power of the printed word as never before. The vast flood of bad literature that is being distributed throughout our land today is promoting paganism, worldliness, and downright evil thoughts and deeds. A great many of these bad books, periodicals, and magazines are found in Baptist homes. This should not be true. Baptists have compelling reasons to seek out and use the fine Christian literature that is to be had today; and surely they should read the excellent variety that comes from Baptist presses.

Perhaps no body of people in the world has a finer array of wholesome, inspiring literature for all ages than the Baptist. The aim of it all is to inform the people, to unify and enlist them in the Lord's work, to indoctrinate them in Baptist truths, to uphold the Bible and its teachings, and to point out the great sweep of Baptist work that claims the finest efforts of all who serve God. Christian literature must be promoted, read, and used by our people in the homes and churches if the whole program of Christ is to be carried out by Baptists working together.

When the North Carolina Baptist Convention was organized in 1830, its main purpose, as stated in its constitution, was "the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound re-

ligious literature." These fundamental objectives have been given strength and power by our many publications. The literature of our denomination is unsurpassed. Books from our presses are filled with inspiration from our greatest men and women. Magazines and other literature published by our Home and Foreign Mission Board should be found in every Baptist home. The weekly issue of "Charity and Children" from our orphanage gives information on what we are doing and inspires us to do more.

Our best known and proably most widely read publication is the "Biblical Recorder". It was founded just three years after the birth of our State Convention and for 122 years it has borne the true message of Baptist life, growth, and thought in North Carolina. It has a noble heritage to preserve, and a high mission to fulfill. Its present circulation is approximately 61,200.

When we feel the need of a closer touch with God, the ladder of inspired literature can bring us into His presence.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. T. Greenway

26. B. B. Brooks read the report on the Orphanage. This report had been spoken to at the morning session by Marse Grant. The report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

Our Baptist Orphanage cares for more than 700 children and in the past year has helped in the placement of about 600 other children.

Our Orphanage publication "Charity and Children", carries the message direct from the Orphanage to more than 4700 Homes. The subscription price is 60¢ per year in clubs of 10 or more. We cannot do without "Charity and Children".

Special gifts have made possible the continuation of our building program.

The new Church building at Kennedy Home is almost completed and is considered one of the most beautiful in the State.

During the year the Broyhill Swimming Pool was constructed at Mills Home. This was a gift from the Broyhills of Lenoir, N. C. It meets a very definite need in the lives of growing Children.

The Orphanage has now come into the Cooperative program, and it looks as if about $60,000.00 of our income this year will be through the Cooperative program.

The once a month, and the Thanksgiving offerings become more important now under the new plan, as any future expansion of the child care program will depend largely upon these offerings.

Our faith in the redeeming love and power of a merciful Saviour is all that stands between these little ones and utter destruction. We never have, we never will fail them.

Respectfully submitted,
B. B. Brooks

27. The Baptist Hospital report was presented by M. A. Huffman and read by Forrest Davis. Mr. Huffman gave a few brief statements about the hospital, then presented Rev. C. Kenneth Pepper, who gave an interesting report on the work carried on there.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our State.

In addition to this great host of sick people, our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous — more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offering and the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. M. A. Huffman

28. The report of the Committee on Committees was read by chairman Paul Crotts and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Time, Place and Preacher — Earl Konkle, B. H. Cline, Joe Richards
Program Committee — A. V. Ledford, B. R. Holbrook, M. A. Huffman
Nominating Committee — J. E. Hoffman, S. M. Stroupe, Guy Smith
Finance Committee — A. C. Peeler, Perry Abernethy, Roy Cook
Resolutions Committee — Mrs. A. V. Ledford, Mrs. B. H. Cline, Miss Lucille Upton
Associational Missionary Committee — J. E. Hoffman, S. A. Carswell, Ralph Berry

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. Stroupe
Paul Crotts
Ralph Berry

29. Hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves" was sung at this time.

30. Evangelism report was read and effectively discussed by Forrest Davis. The report was adopted.

EVANGELISM REPORT

The fires of evangelism must be burning if souls are added to the kingdom. For the Son of God came to seek and to save that which was lost. Should the sole purpose of our local church in this modern day not be bringing men to Christ? Andrew went after his brother, Simon. Let us go into the highways and hedges and compel men, women, boys and girls to come in. Is it true that a number of us have shifted soul-winning into a different position in our Christian life when it should be first?

Our Baptist State Convention for the past few years has shown great interest in evangelism. During 1954, the churches baptized more people than in any previous year in their history. Our Department of Evangelism under the direction of Dr. J. C. Canipe made a very significant contribution to the fruitful year of soul-winning. The efforts in 1955 will show even greater gains in church membership through Evangelism.

The report from our churches of the association last year shows that we had two hundred and thirty four (234) baptisms. We did not have in hand the total number of baptisms closing out our associational work for the year October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955. However we feel that during this year of our great crusade that we have had a large increase over last year.

We are told that there are more than one million unsaved, unchurched people in our great State. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Forrest Davis

31. "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" was sung and prayer was offered by Ralph Berry. The meeting adjourned to meet with Pisgah the following day.

Second Day Session, Pisgah

32. This session was called to order at 9:30 a.m., by the Moderator, J. E. Hoffman. He presented Vice-Moderator, A. V. Ledford, to preside.

33. Congregational singing was led by Mrs. Hazel Beam. Hymn "What a Friend".

34. Julius Hildebran conducted the worship period from II Timothy 2:1-15 and led in prayer.

36. The report on Woman's Missionary Union was read and discussed by Mrs. Earl Konkle. The report was adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our Aim is to promote missionary education for the women and young people of every Baptist church.

How are our young people in the South Mt. Association going to go if they do not know?

The destiny of the world is wrapped up in the youth of today; they are in our care. It is the responsibility of the Missionary Baptist Church to give Missionary Education to the young people of our churches. It is they who will build a "better world of tomorrow." Have we given them the best tools and materials with which to build? Have we done our best for our young people?

We regret that we have failed to do all that might have and could have been done for the advancement of God's kingdom in the South Mt. Association this year.

We have only organized one W. M. S. this year. That was at South Fork. But we rejoice in the improvement of the Missionary work; both with the women and the Young People. There has been some increase in young people's work this year.

We are happy to report an increase in membership in the W. M. S. The total enrollment is up to this date:

W. M. U.	271
Young People	398
Total	669

We are also very happy over our special gifts given by both organizations.

W. M. U.	$1135.05
Young People	433.52
Total	$1568.57

Our leadership conference was held at Connelly Springs Church October 1954 with 75 in attendance. In March 1955 the W. M. U. State Convention was held in Asheville and once again the South Mt. Association was well represented; also our annual Regional meeting held this October 7 at Statesville was well attended. There were 30 from our association that attended our leadership conference at Fruitland this fall. We feel that all this will mean a great deal in Missionary work in our association.

Our Associational project for the year was a linen shower for our Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. We had 8 churches that participated in this project. The linens were valued at approximately $200.00. The churches taking part were as follows: St. Pauls, Connelly Springs, Drowning Creek, Bethany, Icard, Shoupes Grove, Oak Ridge and Mt. Vernon.

We are grateful for the leadership of God in the lives of the women in our Association. Compared to many large and well organized Associations our work may seem small, but God judges us not in numbers but according to our opportunities and our faithfulness. May we always be found faithful in God's service.

We need the encouragement from our pastors to go on in this work for our churches in which the W. M. U. is a part. Not only that people in the South Mt. Association might hear, but that all nations might hear the name of Christ our Lord.

Are we truly "Laborers together with God?" I Corinthians 3:9

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Konkle

37. Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador report was presented by Clarence Berry, read and spoken to by same, and adopted.

BROTHERHOOD AND ROYAL AMBASSADOR REPORT

The order of Royal Ambassadors had its beginning back in 1883 in Owensboro, Kentucky. Through the 90's and into the first years of the twentieth century there were sporadic efforts in giving boys real missionary training. It was not until 1908 that the organization received the name of Royal Ambassadors. This was done through the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since that time the R. A.'s has been an auxiliary of the W. M. U.

You May ask,

A. Why the need for a missionary organization for boys?
B. What is the purpose of Royal Ambassadors?
C. Who should foster such an organization?

First let us consider the need and who needs. There are many good organizations for boys such as YMCA, Boys Clubs of America, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and a host of others. The thought comes. Do we need another organization for boys supported and promoted by our Baptist Churches? More specifically, do we need a *missionary* organization for boys? The answer is *yes*, with three basic reasons.

A-1. The world needs a missionary organization for boys. If we are dreaming of a world in which men can live together in peace though they be of different races, nationalities, and cultures, we must have some plan that will develop men who have such a world vision. We must have men who see this brotherhood of mankind through the eyes of Christ and from a Christian viewpoint. God cannot call young men to a task that they know nothing about. They must know the needs of the mission field.

A-2. The church needs this organization because the mission problem in any church community is too big a task for our pastors. The cry today is for laymen who will do personal soul-winning. If we are

to have these men they will have to be trained from boyhood in the business of community missions.

A-3. The boy needs this organization because he has never thought in terms of a real "he-man" as one who prays, reads his Bible, and gives attention to spiritual activities. The boy needs an organization that is going to give him a new view of Christ, and a new picture of adventuring for Christ. He needs an experience that will help him to see Christ as the real man he was here on earth; a Man physically, a Man mentally, a Man socially, and a Man spiritually.

B. The W. M. U. had two purposes in mind when organizing the R. A.'s, *boys* and *missions*. The R. A. program seeks to give an adventure with Christ that will lead each boy to be God's man in God's place seeking to carry out God's will for his life. This can be done through Bible study, mission study, prayer, stewardship ,and knightly deeds. The program will produce missionary-minded laymen to support our mission activities.

The organization seeks to take the things a boy likes to do and through them meet his needs for a vital contact with God and a real experience with his Saviour and King, Jesus Christ. What greater hero could you find for a boy than Christ? History does not tell of anyone more brave in standing up for what was right in spite of all types of persecution than the one we call the Christ.

C. For some time Southern Baptist has felt the need of a father and son organization. The W. M. U. has also asked that the Brotherhood take over the sponsorship and promotion of the R. A.'s. This change over is hoped to be completed in three years. However, Brotherhood is weak in some states, so it may take considerably more time. Brotherhood and R. A. organizations are tremendously weak in our own South Mountain Association. There has been an increase in both organizations with 122 enrolled in 6 Brotherhoods and 93 boys enrolled in 5 R. A. Chapters. The possibilities are great and the outlook good, so come on, let's get these two organizations in your church. When we get these two great organizations functionally in the Church the way they should, there should be no worries as to where our preachers, deacons, and leaders of tomorrow will come from.

Respectfully submitted,
C. J. Berry

38. At this time the clerk gave a report on the actions of the previous day.

39. Motion was made and carried that the Association take a love offering at this time for M. A. Huffman. Mr. Huffman thanked the people for their thoughtfulness and offered his services at any time. The offering amounted to $30.71.

40. Hymn "He Leadeth Me" was led by Mrs. Hazel Beam.

41. The Associational Missions report was given by Paul Crotts. He also spoke to the report and it was adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT

I have been with all of our 30 Churches in the South Mountain Association. I have supplied for 12 of our pastors and some more than one time. I have worked with some of our people who did not attend Church, I am happy to report that 23 of them are in Church now. I worked with one Vacation Bible School this year, and helped to organize one R. A. group. I have represented the Association in three State meetings this year. My miles traveled were 8,642 for Association and State work.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crotts

42. Vacation Bible School report was read by Mrs. B. R. Holbrook in absence of Mrs. Jennie L. Owens. After discussion by Mrs. Holbrook the report was adopted.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Expecting great things of the Lord and attempting great things for Him the churches of South Mountain Association reaped a rich reward in response of workers and pupils in V. B. S. this year. May God's blessing continue to be upon Walker's Chapel Church and everyone who made possible the spring V. B. S. clinic. The highest number of schools was held in the history of the association (17). Full reports were given by most of these. 1,525 pupils and workers were engaged in studying to show themselves approved unto God. This was increase over last year's fourteen schools and 1,270 enrollment. 56 pupils who did not attend Sunday School were enrolled. 22 professions of faith.

Bethany and Berea had AA schools; St. Paul's A; Drowning Creek and Shoupe's Grove CC; Mull's Chapel and Zion Hill had C schools. The churches having the highest enrollment were Bethany — 205; St. Paul's — 143; Berea — 108; Shoupe's Grove — 107; Henry River — 106; and Zion Hill — 100.

Offerings totaling $228.05 were reported. $176.66 of which was designated to the cooperative program.

May our faith increase and our energies never cease until there is a school in every church in South Mountain Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jennie L. Owens

43. Ralph Berry read the report on State Missions and it was adopted. Time for discussion was carried over for a representative to be presented later.

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the

saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world. There are 4,225,000 people in the State. About 2,000,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. This means that 62½% of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. We have 781,777 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Out of this number only about 35% are dedicated to its Christian profession. This is a great challenge to every one of us. With this great challenge before us we find that our Mission program demands a varied program of mission activity.

A. Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, three of the most significant phases of our State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. Over 5,700 of our Baptist people attended Training Union Weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer.

B. Over 60% of the people in North Carolina are lost — and need a Savior. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities. Since the organization of this Department Baptisms have averaged 8,000 a year.

C. A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demands a better trained pastor. Pastors' Schools are promoted through State Missions to meet this growing demand. Each year about 125 pastors received better training at Fruitland and about 35 at Caswell.

D. A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on the purchase of sites for new churches and some one hundred or more salaries for pastors.

Therefore, will you as an individual and you as a church do your part so that the first part of *The Great Commission* might be obeyed — and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might be more Christian?

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Berry

44. No one was present to report on Home Missions.

45. Foreign Missions report was read then discussed by B. H. Cline. The report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

Throughout 1954 the conviction that Southern Baptists must greatly enlarge our world ministry continued to deepen. This conviction found expression in increased giving and life dedication. Support of the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering brought to the Foreign Mission Board more resources than in any previous year of its history.

Life dedication for world service blessed numerous hearts. Many

of the most outstanding students in the colleges and seminaries volunteered to go. Some adults, who had completed training and were yet within appointment age, were among the volunteers.

For the first time in the history of Southern Baptist, the number of foreign missionaries has reached the one-thousand mark. On May 15, 1955, the number stood at 1,002, including 67 appointments during 1954 and 64 during the first five months of 1955. A loss of 37 missionaries leaves an increase of 93 since January 1, 1954. During the seven years since January 1, 1948, when the Advance Program was launched, the number has increased 377.

Southern Baptists have the potential at this time to increase our world ministry 300 per cent. We gave in 1954 a total of $305,573,654.00. If even five cents of each dollar were made available for service beyond the borders of our own land, there would be more than $15,000,000.00. A tithe of the collection-plate dollar would mean more than $30,000,000.00 for service abroad. It is realistic to believe that Southern Baptists will, in response to immeasurable world need, make available for the millions in spiritual night no less than a tithe of all we give.

This proportion of our giving would bless every church in the Convention and strengthen every cause we support. It would enable Southern Baptists to grow in sacrificial spirit and power. It would make possible our sending the Light to many areas we have not reached.

Occasionally earnest people inquire if the Foreign Mission Board does not have all the money it needs. Quite the reverse is true. In preparing the 1955 budget, it was necessary to cut out $300,000.00 from the requests made by the missions for current work. Urgently needed buildings for churches, schools, and hospitals, calling for more than two mililon dollars, could not be supplied.

We will make our greatest strides in dedicating our possessions as we see even greater dedication of life. We call upon the 30 churches co-operating with the South Mountain Association to keep the fires on their altars of prayer burning with the petition that God will call from each church someone who will volunteer to take the Light into the darkness.

What is a foreign missionary? He is a Christian minister, teacher, doctor, editor using his earthly profession for Jesus' sake in a country not his own. She is a Christian homemaker, school teacher, W. M. U. leader, social worker or nurse, transplanted in a foreign land to spread the seed of the Christian gospel. Foreign missionaries are living witnesses of Christ's love in lands where Christian witnesses are fewer than in their own land. May we come to appreciate our missionaries more and give them more faithful support in our prayers, finances and service.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. Cline

46. Mack Hodge was recognized as new pastor at Abee's Chapel.

47. At this time Joe Greer spoke on Home Missions.

48. Motion was made and carried that one be appointed to hand in a written report on Home Missions. Vice-Moderator, A. V. Ledford appointed B. R. Holbrook. The report is as follows:

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Let us look for a few moments at our Home Mission Board and see the many phases of work that it supports. The administrative work of the Home Mission Board is directed from a building in downtown Atlanta, Ga. Southern Baptist churches use the board facilities to plan and project their gospel program in the homeland. Dr. Courts Redford serves as executive secretary of the board.

The total number of missionaries of the Home Mission Board on December 31, 1954 was 954, a net increase of only 17. In addition to these, 370 student workers were appointed to work in the summertime. 366 were used the previous summer. At the beginning of 1954, a director of western missions was appointed: he was Rev. George W. Cummins.

The Home Mission Board cannot do the most effective job alone. More recently, and especially in the past year, the State Missions Boards are co-operating in support of Departments of Evangelism in Negro work, in work among the Jews, in supervision of Indian and language ministries, and in the student mission program.

Some new fields were entered in 1954, such as, work in Bocas del Toro, and the San Blas Indians off the coast of Panama. While the decision to render a specialized service in behalf of juvenile delinquency, and a ministry for military personnel had been reached prior to 1954, many new churches were started in the area already served. 126 churches were assisted with loans totaling $2,965,502.25.

The report of this board to the Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, this year, showed a splendid record of work being done in 37 states, Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and The Canal Zone. The 1,324 missionaries, including the 370 summer student workers reported 35,843 professions of faith; 31,527 additions to churches; 34,563 prayer meetings, and 350,355 religious visits. They delivered 92,647 sermons and addresses, and reported 107,227 personal interviews for soul winning purposes. The 451 chaplains on active duty reported 16,195 professions of faith, not counted above, and also 401 missions started and 359 churches constituted.

Only the Lord can total the results of our Home Mission work. Surely all Southern Baptists want to join in with the Home Mission family in praising God for all the many blessings He has bestowed upon His people through the efforts of this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. Holbrook

49. Host pastor B. H. Cline made announcements and welcomed all to Pisgah church.

50. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves" led by B. R. Holbrook.

51. A stirring and convincing Missionary Message was brought by J. E. Hoffman. Scripture passages were from Matthew 24:14, 28:19 and Mark 15:16. His subject was "Go ye into all the world".

52. After prayer by Lamont Mayes the Association recessed for lunch. An appetizing lunch was served by the host church.

Second Day, Afternoon Session

53. The afternoon session convened at 1:15 p.m. with the Moderator, J. E. Hoffman presiding.

54. Scripture reading, by S. M. Stroupe, was from Psalm 67. He also led in prayer.

55. Led by Lamont Mayes, the congregation sang "The Kingdom Is Coming".

56. Report on Temperance — Public Morals was read and very ably discussed by Mack Hodge.

TEMPERANCE — PUBLIC MORALS REPORT

The word "Temperance" means "Habitual moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions; specif., moderation in, or abstinence from, the use of intoxicating liquors." (Webster). The Bible teaches total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks of any kind or nature.

"Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:31-32.

The text of this report is uttered by the world's greatest philosopher. In the wisdom of his utterance, he takes a place second only to the Son of God. Solomon was perhaps the one individual of all past time whose intensive experience, intellectual ability, personal and political opportunities fitted him to speak upon subjects of great moral concern.

This Book of Proverbs is the inspired record of his statements, and upon the social vice of drinking our text was his deliverance.

Three things are clearly suggested by it. The first is his appeal for total abstinence; the second is his description of our insidious temptation; and the third is his deliverance on the terrible end of wine-bibbing.

Temperance is not total abstinence. There are many social drinkers who know one passage of Scripture, if they know no more, "Be temperate in all things". Any intelligent study of the Word of God will show that the Bible asks us to be temperate in all good things; total

abstainers from all bad things. To even hint that the Bible suggests temperance in sin is to contort its teachings. We belong with the company of those who believe in the temperate use of all good things. The Bible teaches temperance in good things; total abstinence from bad things.

Tippling is not total abstinence. There are quite a few people who think that regular drinking is wrong, but an occasional tippling, just to celebrate a certain occasion, is not objectionable. The wisest thing I ever heard on the subject of drink was, "Young men, I have a prescription for you which, if you adopt, will make a drunkard's grave an impossibility; will make even a single spree an impossibility. It is this, never take the first drink." Can any man imagine what blessing, and even peace, could be brought to our world if its youth had sense enough to see the wisdom of that sentence, and to follow it once for all?

Insobriety, which often begins with the invitation to a social glass, is the short road to hell.

"Taste not; touch not" is total abstinence, and it is also Sacred Scripture (Col. 2:21). One great man spake the truth when he said, "Nineteen centuries of sin and shame, and of soul-slaughter, have taught Christ's Church that she can never be a nursing mother to her children while she mixes the sincere milk of the Gospel with one poison drop of Satan's brewing."

But the appeal for total abstinence on the part of the sober man is more easy than the practice of the same upon the part of intemperate society. Solomon admits as much, and by this text suggests *THE INSIDIOUS TEMPTATION.*

Three features of the social glass he holds before us.

Its Color Is a Sort of Decoy. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red". Those who hunt ducks know the value of a decoy. It will draw them from the sky within range of the deadly gun. Even a duck has sense enough to learn, after he has been touched by a few shot, that he is not to tarry around everything that is attractive, that he is not to seek social fellowship at the possible cost of life. Drinking men and women know less than ducks; they have seen the slain by the thousands round about the cup of red wine, and yet they settle beside them, to lay their lips to the same.

Its Sparkle Is Also Insidious. "When it giveth his colour in the cup". Perhaps we have not stopped to think what the foam that gathers on the beer, or the sparkle that arises in the wine cup, suggests? People sometimes say that if God did not want them to drink, He would not have made liquor. God never made alcohol. He is the author of life not of Death. The latter is the devil's work, and alcohol is always not only death, but degradation.

Its smooth taste is also a temptation. "When it moveth itself aright". The result of social drinking is additional temptation. When Solomon said, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red", he plainly suggested the circumstance that there is no stopping place for the man or woman who once becomes at all intemperate.

THE TERRIBLE TERMINATION

"At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder".

Strong drink is the occasion of all sorrow. It matters little whether it be physical disability, moral degradation, or spiritual disaster, strong drink can accomplish each and everyone.

Describe for me any grief that has overtaken man to break his heart, darken his character, embrute his nature, and bury him in a disreputable grave, and I will bring to you ten thousand instances in which strong drink has done the same. It has dried up the milk of human kindness; it has distorted the features of the face; it has befoiled the intellect; it has bedraggled the appearance; it has broken the heart; it has banished hope; it has turned beautiful homes into terrible hells; it has made loving wives living, cowardly slaves; and incited in the breasts of little children a fear of father and mother. No form of poverty but it has imposed; no conceivable disgrace but it has wrought; no grave so dark but it has dug a deeper one; no death so dismal but the death of its victims has exceeded it; no soul so deeply destroyed in hell but it has sent to lower depths.

The man who willingly furnishes the drunkard with drink is vile enough to please Satan and his impish satellites, but his wickedness detracts nothing from the crime of him who willingly becomes his victim.

The day we preach to men that drinking is not a disease, but is the devil's scheme for their utter destruction; and the day we tell our women that their social drinking customs are a disgust to all decent men and an offense to a righteous God, we will have at last exploited the theory that is at once true and looks to the total abstinence demanded by our text.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mack Hodge

57. Joe Richards presented and discussed the report on American Bible Society. Report adopted.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

Here is a scene which happened in the desert area in northwest India. A group of men gathered around a young Christian layman, who was working as a government surveyor. He was using an opportunity to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to men who never had heard the Gospel.

As the young man spoke of the Bible, an elderly man asked, "Is that book in my language?" When told that it was, he exclaimed, "Young man, get me that book!" Holding the book in his hands, he asked this searching question, "Why didn't someone bring us the book long ago?"

The old man's question should stir our hearts to take the Bible to the millions who still wait for the Good News. Giving the Bible to the people of the world in their own language is a missionary task.

Every person must have the Word of God in his own language before it can speak to his heart. The American Bible Society aids in Bible translation, publishes the Scriptures without note or comment and distributes them. This is done without profit and usually below cost. For the Blind, it supplies Scriptures in raised-letter systems and on Talking Book records.

During 1954 the American Bible Society distributed throughout the world more than 15 million volumes of Scriptures — donated 1,360,604 Scripture volumes for Armed Forces — continued to supply Scriptures in such areas as Germany, Africa, Latin America, Japan, Korea, India, and other countries — received gifts which provided for the largest budget in its history and adopted for 1955 an even larger program to serve those who still wait for the Word of God.

The American Bible Society is an active partner of Southern Baptists in their world wide mission program. In 1954, Southern Baptists set a new record by giving $112,064 to this cause. Let us do more this year and in the years to come. Every Bible owner in America can be a Bible sharer through supporting the work of the American Bible Society.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Joe Richards

58. S. M. Stroupe extended an invitation to all pastors to attend the monthly Pastors Conference.

59. Chairman of the Nominating Committee, A. V. Ledford, presented the following report to the Association and it was adopted as follows:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee of the South Mountain Association, recommend to the body the following names as the officers of this Association for the year 1956.

Moderator	J. E. Hoffman
Vice-Moderator	A. V. Ledford
Treasurer	S. A. Carswell
Clerk	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook
Sunday School Super. & Missionary	Paul Crotts
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent	B. H. Cline
Training Union Director	Earl Konkle
Asst. Training Union Director	Mrs. B. H. Cline
Vacation Bible School Leader	Joe Richards
Asst. V. B. S. Leader	Mrs. Joe Richards
W. M. U. Superintendent	Mrs. Earl Konkle
Asst. W. M. U. Superintendent	Mrs. W. J. Smart
Hospital Representative	M. A. Huffman
Orphanage Representative	Forrest Davis
Homes for Aging Representative	Mrs. Brintie Arrowood

Evangelism ..... B. R. Holbrook
Brotherhood ..... Robert Rhoney
Pianist ..... Mrs. Beatrice Lingerfelt
Choirist ..... Lamont Mayes

Executive Committee

J. E. Hoffman, S. A. Carswell, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, A. V. Ledford, Paul Crotts, Ralph Berry, Earl Konkle, Mrs. Earl Konkle, Robert Rhoney, B. R. Holbrook, S. M. Stroupe, B. H. Cline

Respectfully submitted,
A. V. Ledford
B. R. Holbrook
M. A. Huffman

60. The following amendments to the Constitution were passed on by the Association.

1. That the Executive Committee be composed of 12 members.
2. That the Moderator call as many meetings of Board as necessary to carry on the work.
3. That doors of church be closed during worship period.
4. That Moderator be permitted to hold position for not more than two consecutive years.

61. Motion was made and carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to make any other necessary changes in the Constitution and present them at the Spring Session.

62. The committee appointed is as follows: B. R. Holbrook, S. M. Stroupe and Earl Konkle.

63. B. H. Cline presented, to the Association, a letter of recommendation from Gardner-Webb to be signed by the moderator and clerk, in order that Edsel Mull might obtain scholarship aid. The motion was made and carried that the letter be signed and returned.

64. The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by chairman, Mrs. A. V. Ledford, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the members of the Resolutions Committee, feel that we voice the feeling and opinion of every messenger and visitor to the 45th annual session of the South Mountain Baptist Association, in expressing the following appreciation:

1. To the officers who have so ably led us in passing another milestone in progress in every place of our Baptist Program on an associational wide basis.

2. To each and every person who so graciously took part on the program in making this a most enjoyable and inspirational session.

3. To those from various institutions and organizations who have enlightened our vision and increased our understanding of the accomplishments and goals yet unattained in our great state of North Carolina.

4. Our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Connelly Springs and Pisgah Baptist Churches for the kindness and courtesies extended to us in fellowship and bountiful meals. Because of having had another opportunity for Christian fellowship, may we go away pledging ourselves to greater service in behalf of our association and more loyalty and consecration to Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. V. Ledford
Miss Lucille Upton
Mrs. Billy Cline

65. Earl Konkle, chairman of the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher recommended as follows:

Time: Thursday and Friday, October 18-19, 1956
Place: First Day — Icard; Second Day — Mull's Chapel
Preachers: Doctrinal Message — Julius Hildebran
Alternate — Earl Konkle
Missionary Message — Ralph Berry
Alternate — Joe Richards

66. The above report was adopted. B. H. Cline and Joe Richards were committee members.

67. The report on Home for Aging was read and spoken to by Mrs. Brintie Arrowood. The report was adopted.

HOMES FOR AGING REPORT

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of encouraging progress. Both Homes — Resthaven and Albemarle — have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants for admission than can be accepted.

This year will be remembered as one of notable enlargement of facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residental Building, costing $300,000, will get under way, and it should be completed by this time next year. The new building will provide office facilities. Construction of the Administration and Residential Buildhandicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the Homes of 95 residents.

Two-thirds of the cost of the new building is now in hand, counting the value of real estate turned over to the Homes. Personal and corporation gifts are being received which will further add to the amount on hand.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following ways: A gift of $300 will furnish a room; $1,000 will endow — furnish and maintain — a room; $3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque — bearing the name of the donor and the name of the person memorialized, or honored — will be placed on the door of a room.

Miss Nettie Pearl Willis gave her homeplace at Vale, N. C., as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Laura Elliott Goode Willis. The property will be sold and proceeds be used to erect a cottage on the permanent site of our Homes. In addition, Miss Willis made her will in favor of the Homes.

Increasing support on the part of our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. So far this year, our Special Day Offering has reached almost $70,000. Since many of the churches put the Homes in the budget instead of taking a special offering, and some of the churches wait until the end of the calendar year to send their gifts, a complete report for the year cannot be made at this time. But it is likely that our goal of $100,000 for the special offering will be nearly reached. In addition, the Homes will receive $39,850 as their share of the Nine Year Program, according to the estimated budget.

With increasing aid from denominational sources, the Homes are helping a large number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as residents. In fact, about ninety per cent of all the residents are being helped by the Homes — some with about two-thirds of the cost of keep, and others with about one-third. Less than ten per cent of the residents in the Homes have turned over enough assets to pay their cost of keep on the life plan. Regardless of financial condition, an applicant is received into the Homes on the basis of need and room available.

All connected with the Homes — staff and residents — are most grateful for the prayers and support of our friends. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped." Surely all North Carolina Baptists should be grateful for the progress made thus far. Let us all rally to the challenge to render a greater ministry to the increasing number of aging friends who need the services of our Homes.

(The Association is requested to elect a representative for the Homes at this session.)

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Brintie Arrowood

68. Memorial service was conducted by Lamont Mayes.

69. Motion was made and carried that the Executive Committee meet Thursday, October 27, 7 o'clock at Mr. Hebron.

70. The congregation stood and sang "God Be With You" and Mack Hodge led in prayer, closing the Fifty-fifth Session of the South Mountain Association.

J. E. Hoffman, Moderator
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk

SPRING SESSION

SOUTH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION
May 7, 1955 — Mt. Hebron

1. The session was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by the Moderator J. E. Hoffman.

2. "Standing on the Promises" was sung by the congregation, led by Garvine Franklin.

3. The worship period was conducted by Joe Richards from Romans 12:1-5.

4. The clerk, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, gave her report at this time.

5. S. A. Carswell, treasurer, stated that there was a balance of $147.96 in the treasury.

6. John Beam, from Morganton, was recognized at this time.

7. An oral report was given on the Baptist Hospital by M. A. Huffman. S. M. Stroupe led in a special prayer for the hospital.

8. Mr. Franklin led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

9. "Camp Ground Project" for the Hickory Region was presented by John Beam.

10. Paul Crotts reported on the work of the Sunday School.

11. An over-all picture of the South Mountain Association and the work was given by A. V. Ledford.

12. Ralph Berry spoke on the work of an Associational Missionary and the need of one in the Association.

13. Motion was passed that a missionary be named in the evening session, or when the body thought it wise.

14. The congregation sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" and B. H. Cline led in prayer.

15. The afternoon session adjourned for refreshments served by the host church.

Evening Session

16. The evening session opened at 7 p.m. with congregation singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". Moderator J. E. Hoffman presided.

17. Devotional period was led by S. M. Stroupe from Psalm 67.

18. W. W. Lawton, missionary from the Philippines, brought an inspiring message.

19. Hymn, "Send the Light", was led by Mr. Franklin.

20. The Nine Year Program was discussed by Ralph Berry.

21. During the business session Paul Crotts was elected to carry on the work of Associational Missionary.

22. The Association voted in favor of the "Camp Ground Project".

23. The spring session closed with hymn "Jesus Saves". Closing prayer by Forrest Davis.

J. E. Hoffman, Moderator
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk

MINUTE FUND

Abee's Chapel	$15.00	Mull's Chapel	$15.00
Berea	12.00	Oak Ridge	15.00
Bethany	25.00	Olive Grove	7.00
Beulah	5.00	Pleasant Grove	8.00
Connelly Springs	15.00	Philadelphia	5.00
Corinth	8.00	Pisgah	15.00
Carswell Memorial	10.00	Shoupe's Grove	6.00
Drowning Creek	5.00	Smart's Grove	10.00
Henry River	15.00	South Fork	10.00
Hildebran View		St. Paul	13.20
Icard	20.00	St. John's	5.00
Mt. Gilead	4.00	Walker's Chapel	8.00
Mt. Hebron	15.00	Wilkie's Grove	12.50
Mt. Vernon	25.00	Zion Hill	10.00
Mt. Zion	10.40	Zoar	4.15

ORDAINED MINISTERS NOT PASTORS IN ASSOCIATION

J. L. Bragg	Hildebran
Ottas Cook	Rt. 1, Casar
Harry Parker	Hildebran
Osco Parker	Rt. 4, Hickory
Johnnie Spake	Rt. 1, Casar
E. L. Towrey	Rt. 1, Casar

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Bethany ..... Robert Rhoney (Ed. Director)
Bethany ..... Phyllis Burns (Ed. Director)
Drowning Creek ..... J. C. Keller
Mt. Zion ..... Hudean Price
Oak Ridge ..... Berla Zimmerman
St. Paul ..... Edsel Mull

LICENSED MINISTERS IN ASSOCIATION

Berea ..... Hansel Bryant, Rt. 1, Valdese
Berea ..... Bobby Paige, Hildebran
Bethany ..... Berl Childers, Hildebran
Olive Grove ..... Levi Fredell, Rt. 3, Lawndale
St. John's ..... Jinks Brittian, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul ..... Larry Will, Rt. 3, Lawndale
Zoar ..... Junior Dale, Rt. 1, Casar

MUSICAL DIRECTORS OR LEADERS

Abee's Chapel ..... Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs.
Berea ..... Hansel Bryant, Valdese
Bethany ..... Chester Eggers, Hildebran
Beulah ..... Fletcher Leatherman, Rt. 2, Vale
Carswell Memorial ..... C. R. Poteat, Rt. 4, Morganton
Connelly Springs ..... Mrs. Paul Tutherow, Connelly Springs
Corinth ..... Brinda McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar
Drowning Creek ..... Oie Lee Tolbert, Jr., Rt. 5, Box 136, Hickory
Henry River ..... Harry Parker, Hildebran
Hildebran View ..... Bettie Hoyle, Connelly Springs
Icard ..... Garvine Franklin, Icard
Mt. Gilead ..... Aline Parker, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Hebron ..... Mrs. Naomi Shell, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Vernon ..... Clyde Canipe, Rt. 3, Vale
Mt. Zion ..... Mrs. Julius Price, Rt. 1, Casar
Mull's Chapel ..... Mrs. Addie McLurd, Box 255, Valdese
Olive Grove ..... Grier Scism, Rt. 1, Casar
Oak Ridge ..... Miss Geneva Chavis, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Pleasant Grove ..... Hubert H. Lindsay, Rt. 4, Morganton
Philadelphia ..... Billie Loman, Connelly Springs
Pisgah ..... Mrs. Robert Beam, Rt. 1, Casar
Shoupe's Grove ..... M. D. Justice, Icard
Philadelphia ..... Billie Lowman, Connelly Springs
South Fork ..... Bruce Buchanan, Box 14, Hildebran
St. John's ..... Bill Lambert, Valdese
St. Paul ..... C. H. Crotts, Rt. 1, Casar
Walker's Chapel ..... Javan Keller, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Wilkie's Grove ..... Margaret Young, Rt. 4, Hickory

Zion Hill ..... Fred Sain, Rt. 3, Vale
Zoar ..... D. W. Chapman, Casar

PIANIST OR ORGANIST

Abee's Chapel ..... Gail Lowman, Box 27, Valdese
Berea ..... Mrs. Flo Buff, Rhodhiss
Bethany ..... Mrs. Willard Wycoff, Hildebran
Beulah ..... Mrs. Horace Sain, Rt. 3, Vale
Carswell Memorial ..... Celia Carswell, Rt. 4, Morganton
Connelly Springs ..... Mrs. Paul Tutherow, Connelly Springs
Corinth ..... Eloise McNeilly, Rt. 1, Casar
Drowning Creek ..... Mrs. C. H. Kirby, Sr., Rt. 5, Box 220, Hickory
Henry River ..... Frances Lowman, Rt. 4, Hickory
Hildebran View ..... Addie Hudson, Connelly Springs
Icard ..... Mrs. M. C. Warlick, Icard
Mt. Gilead ..... Mrs. B. B. Brooks, Rt. 1, Mooresboro
Mt. Hebron ..... Clara Bradshaw, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
Mt. Zion ..... Lucy Chapman, Rt. 1, Casar
Mull's Chapel ..... Evelyn Hudson, Rt. 3, Vale
Olive Grove ..... Mrs. Wilma Johnson, Shelby
Oak Ridge ..... Mrs. Peggy Sherrill, Connelly Springs
Pleasant Grove ..... Mrs. Eva Williams, Rt. 4, Morganton
Philadelphia ..... Miss Patsy Lail, Connelly Springs
Pisgah ..... Nell Canipe, Rt. 1, Casar
Shoupe's Grove ..... Charlsie McGallard, Icard
Smart's Grove ..... Elizabeth Lail, Rt. 4, Morganton
South Fork ..... Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Rt. 4, Hickory
St. John's ..... Miss Helen Hoyle, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs
St. Paul ..... Miss Bertha Cook, Rt. 1, Casar
Walker's Chapel ..... Miss Jerlene Cooke, Rt. 1, Box 363, Valdese
Wilkie's Grove ..... Bonnie Paige, Rt. 4, Hickory
Zion Hill ..... Juanita Ramsey, Connelly Springs
Zoar ..... Mattie Lee Costner, Casar

Our Beloved Dead

Those Who Have Answered the Roll Call Since
September 30, 1954

BETHANY—Mrs. W. A. Abernathy, Mrs. Ethel Stephens

BEULAH—Rev. Otis Mull

CARSWELL MEMORIAL—Mrs. Timey Carswell

CONNELLY SPRINGS—Mr. Walter McNeely

CORINTH—Mr. Clem Hoyle

ICARD—Mr. C. D. Hyder, Mr. W. E. Stuart

MT. GILEAD—Jink Canipe, Eugene Parker, Jr., Ella Chapman

MT. VERNON—Rev. R. W. Hord

OLIVE GROVE—Mr. Fred Self

PLEASANT GROVE—Mr. John York (Elder)

PHILADELPHIA—Mr. Gete Brittian (Deacon)

PISGAH—Mr. B. A. Baker

SHOUPE'S GROVE— Mr. J. T. Berry (Deacon), Arlin Spann

ST. PAUL—Mrs. Mittie Richards, Mrs. Zora Bubb, Mr. Frank Cook

WILKIE'S GROVE—Mr. W. A. Burns (Deacon)

ZION HILL—Mr. Joe Peeler, Mrs. Mary Propst, Miss Lucille Peeler

Statistical Tables

Table A — CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Churches	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Clerk Hildebran J. E. Hoffman, Moderator Rt. 2 Vale Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Other Gains	Total Losses	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings	Number Tithers	Every Member Canvass	St. Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary
Abee's Chapel	R	1886	2 4	Mack Hodge, Bakerville	9	3	5	....	....	136	2	27	....	....	1800
Berea	R	1947	4	Forrest Davis, Connelly Springs	9	3	11	54	37	91	2	....	....	....	2340
Bethany	T	1891	4	B. R. Holbrook, Hildebran	30	23	11	422	90	512	1	135	*	....	4645
Beulah	R	....	2 4	C. R. Upton, Morganton	13	8	1	127	....	127	2	14	....	....	1623
Carswell Memorial	R	1938	2 4	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro	3	....	3	62	6	68	1	9	....	....	450
Connelly Springs	V	1899	4	Earl Konkle, Connelly Springs	9	7	13	144	48	192	1	35	*	*	3380
Corinth	R	....	1 3	George Lynch, Mill Spring	6	2	7	84	78	162	1	7	....	....	667
Drowning Creek	R	1952	4	Joe Greer, Granite Falls, R2	6	15	10	93	11	104	1	21	....	....	1560
Henry River	V	1940	4	Lamont Mayes, Hildebran	2	....	4	169	39	208	2	....	....	....	3155
Hildebran View	R	....	1 3	John Abee, Connelly Springs	8	1	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	135
Icard	V	....	4	A. V. Ledford, Icard	5	5	8	242	30	272	2	80	....	....	3900
Mt. Gilead	R	1888	1 3	B. B. Brooks, Mooresboro, R1	2	1	3	62	59	121	1	6	....	....	266
Mt. Hebron	R	....	4	S. M. Stroupe, Connelly Springs, R1	....	2	12	113	43	155	....	41	....	....	1560
Mt. Vernon	R	1840	4	....	16	1	9	183	57	240	1	38	....	....	3120
Mt. Zion	R	1848	1 3	Roy Walker, Cherryville	1	....	1	82	88	170	....	....	....	....	600
Mull's Chapel	R	1871	2 4	J. E. Hoffman, Vale, R2	10	1	7	59	54	113	2	9	....	....	960
Olive Grove	R	1884	4	E. L. McDaniel, Ellenboro	3	....	7	157	73	230	2	....	....	....	960
Oak Ridge	R	1943	4	Ralph Berry, Connelly Springs, R2	5	4	4	140	57	197	2	62	....	....	3120
Pleasant Grove	R	1876	2 4	Julius Hildebran, Hickory, R4	4	....	1	78	22	100	2	5	....	....	650
Philadelphia	R	1946	1 3	Ralph Abee, Connelly Sprigns	3	....	1	....	....	45	2	....	....	....	137
Pisgah	R	1840	4	B. H. Cline, Casar, R1	54	8	1	135	18	153	1	20	....	....	1244
Shoupe's Grove	R	1892	4	Joe Richards, Icard	17	7	6	140	68	208	2	31	....	....	2080
Smart's Grove	R	1935	2 4	W. L. Blanton, Casar, R1	3	5	....	63	19	82	3	4	....	....	1200
South Fork	R	1937	4	Gordon Crump, Hickory, R4	7	13	3	....	....	97	2	18	....	....	1680
St. John's	R	1842	4	Jason Stillwell, Hickory, R4	5	11	5	71	16	87	3	....	....	....	957
St. Paul	R	1842	1 3	W. L. Blanton, Casar, R1	43	3	7	326	162	488	2	....	....	....	1440
Walker's Chapel	R	1915	4	Harold Parker, Lincolnton, R3	6	....	5	92	25	117	3	5	*	....	1230
Wilkie's Grove	R	1894	2 4	....	8	3	3	....	....	163	1	....	....	....	846
Zion Hill	R	1859	1 3	J. E. Hoffman, Vale, R2	10	12	9	167	63	230	2	27	....	....	1310
Zoar	R	1937	1 3	John H. Smart, Connelly Springs, R1	3	....	5	49	25	74	2	....	....	....	3°0
Total	..	....	...	....	300	139	162	3314	1188	4502	50	594	3	1	47375

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Churches	Paul Crotts, Assn. Superintendent Rt. 3, Lawndale Sunday School Superintendents and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers	Total Enrolment	Average Attendance	VBS Enrolment	Average Attendance	Jan. Bible Study	Training Schools
Abee's Chapel	J. W. Abee, Connelly Springs, R1	...	20	27	17	13	24	16	51	...	12	180	125	....	....	...	...
Berea	Charlie Townsend, Connelly Spgs., R1	...	14	15	12	19	14	23	40	...	2	139	89	105	103	*	...
Bethany	Ray Childers, Hildebran	9	48	31	48	57	48	128	114	27	5	515	261	205	178	*	1
Beulah	Fletcher Leatherman, Vale, R2	...	...	17	18	19	35	32	29	...	3	153	83	86	77	...	...
Carswell Memorial	J. E. Lindsey, Morganton, R4	...	...	7	...	8	10	6	22	...	...	53	....	....	....	...	...
Connelly Springs	Harold D. Smith, Rutherford College	...	9	14	23	22	19	19	62	16	2	186	115	87	83	*	2
Corinth	A. G. McNeilly, Casar, R1	...	...	18	16	18	...	36	31	...	...	119	80	....	....	...	...
Drowning Creek	J. C. Keller, Granite Falls, R5	...	12	12	15	12	22	11	41	...	...	125	87	91	81	*	...
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, Hickory, R4	...	23	37	41	31	29	51	75	...	...	287	130	106	89	...	...
Hildebran View	W. L. Hudson, Connelly Springs, R1	...	...	15	15	12	...	...	15	...	...	57	50	....	....	...	...
Icard	Edd Swann, Icard	...	18	18	29	33	31	22	113	17	4	285	177	89	85	*	...
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, Connelly Springs, R1	...	...	20	...	16	16	...	18	...	...	70	48	....	....	...	...
Mt. Hebron	Joy Cook, Morganton, R4	...	13	15	20	27	19	4	68	...	3	169	95	64	55	*	...
Mt. Vernon	Vermit Pendleton, Vale, R2	...	14	24	24	29	13	55	55	...	3	217	121	72	68	...	...
Mt. Zion	Buland Short, Casar, R1	...	...	27	10	14	9	17	52	...	...	129	82	47	57	...	...
Mull's Chapel	Lester Rhoney, Connelly Springs, R1	...	...	23	9	15	16	36	16	...	...	115	81	80	71	...	...
Olive Grove	William E. Walker, Casar, R1	...	...	15	8	14	30	21	16	...	...	135	104	....	....	...	...
Oak Ridge	Eugene Sherrill, Connelly Springs	2	16	12	19	24	25	70	52	12	4	232	120	78	59	*	2
Pleasant Grove	Pantas Hudson, Connelly Springs, R1	...	7	6	15	15	10	8	39	...	...	100	90	....	....	...	...
Philadelphia	Richard Franklin, Connelly Springs, R1	...	...	14	...	8	...	18	10	...	4	54	....	....	....	...	...
Pisgah	T. W. Pruett, Casar, R1	...	...	42	21	14	11	33	62	...	7	190	96	80	74	...	...
Shoupe's Grove	Lee Roy Childers, Connelly Springs, R2	...	21	18	35	37	38	44	38	...	5	236	139	108	100	...	1
Smart's Grove	C. E. Moses, Connelly Springs, R1	...	13	12	15	11	...	15	46	...	5	117	85	....	....	...	...
South Fork	Willard Buchanan, Hildebran	...	...	25	16	9	16	25	39	...	1	131	91	....	....	...	...
St. John's	Lonnie Brittian, Hickory, R4	...	...	23	18	17	15	19	24	...	...	116	85	....	....	...	...
St. Paul	Marion Benfield, Casar	9	...	53	25	46	42	48	103	...	5	331	177	143	133	...	...
Walker's Chapel	Mackey Huffman, Morganton, R4	...	...	20	18	28	28	41	35	...	...	170	110	76	68	...	...
Wilkie's Grove	Everette Wright, Hickory, R4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145	111	....	....	...	...
Zion Hill	W. M. Hudson, Connelly Springs, R1	...	15	33	19	28	27	24	83	...	6	235	165	100	89	*	1
Zoar	Lester Lail, Casar, R1	...	...	...	13	12	7	6	27	...	...	65	50	....	....	...	...
Total	....	20	243	593	519	608	545	828	1376	72	71	4956	3047	1617	1470	8	7

Table C — TRAINING UNION

Earl Konkle, Associational Director
Connelly Springs

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Officers Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Berea	Virgil Buff, Rhodhiss	9	11	6	16	13	10	20	4	89	55
Bethany	Mrs. Paul Harwell, Hickory, R4	...	14	6	25	31	12	36	4	128	77
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Baxter Barnes, Connelly Sprg., R2	...	...	7	6	...	7	11	2	33	25
Drowning Creek	Frank Barnes, Hickory, R5	...	10	6	10	17	7	25	8	83	50
Henry River	William Martin, Hildebran	7	...	14	11	12	...	26	3	73	57
Icard	Phil Swann, Icard	...	...	10	9	14	21	14	1	59	50
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Margaret Young, Hickory, R4	4	...	5	11	9	...	8	5	47	34
Oak Ridge	Miss Faye Berry, Connelly Springs, R2	...	6	8	10	12	15	21	1	73	56
Shoupe's Grove	Clyde Houston, Icard	...	6	8	13	12	15	26	4	84	61
South Fork	Eugene Propst, Hickory, R4	...	10	...	8	12	7	12	1	50	42
Zion Hill	Pearlie Wright, Lawndale, R3	...	11	...	11	...	20	11	2	55	30
Total	....	20	68	70	130	132	114	210	35	779	537

Table D — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Churches	Mrs. Earl Konkle, Associational Pres. Connelly Springs Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Berea	Mrs. Paul Robinson, Connelly Spgs., R1	1	...	1	...	2	22	...	8	...	30	9
Bethany	Mrs. Charlie Johnson, Hildebran	6	1	2	1	10	54	16	36	36	143	75
Connelly Springs	Mrs. H. D. Smith, Rutherford College	1	1	...	...	2	21	11	...	...	32	20
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Charles H. Kirby, Sr., Hickory, R5	1	...	...	...	1	23	...	...	...	23	13
Henry River	Mrs. Vance Brittain, Icard	1	...	2	...	3	19	...	25	...	44	35
Icard	Mrs. A. V. Ledford ,Icard	1	1	2	1	5	26	6	23	13	68	38
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, Vale, R2	1	...	2	1	4	26	...	21	33	80	18
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Olin Carpenter, Connelly Spgs., R2	1	1	1	1	4	19	11	15	17	62	15
Shoupe's Grove	Mrs. Clyde Houston, Icard	1	...	...	...	1	20	...	...	...	20	8
South Fork	Mrs. Irene Greenhill, Hickory, R4	1	...	...	...	1	18	...	...	...	18	18
St. Paul	Mrs. Paul Crotts, Lawndale, R3	1	1	1	1	4	18	10	11	12	51	12
Walker's Chapel	Mrs Brintie Arrowood, Morganton, R4	1	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	10	1
Total	....	17	5	11	5	38	276	54	139	111	581	262

Table E — BROTHERHOOD — GOALS, ETC.

Churches	BROTHERHOOD BUILDING GOALS CHURCH MUSIC VISUAL EDUCATION Robert Rhoney Associcational Brotherhood President Rt. 4, Hickory Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods and Addresses	Men's Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	R.A. Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Enrolment	Total Enrolment	Value Pastors Home	Total Value All Church Property	Total Church Debt End of Year	Cooperative Program Goal	Association Missions Goal	Church Library	Number Choirs	Total Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Musician Mag.	Music Tng. Course	Film-strip Projector
Abee's Chapel	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	9524	.....	.....	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Berea	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	4750	.....	.....	...	...	2	16	...	...	...	...
Bethany	Robert Rhoney, Hickory ,R4	27	2	30	36	57	38	20000	100000	8750	1865	60	*	2	55	...	*	...	...
Beulah	L. E. Willis, Connelly Springs, R1	14	12	...	...	14	12	.....	20000	.....	.....	...	...	2	50	...	...	...	...
Carswell Memorial	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	8000	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Connelly Springs	....	...	...	7	12	7	12	5000	50000	13421	10%	...	*	2	30	...	*	...	*
Corinth	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	13000	.....	.....	...	*	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drowning Creek	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	5000	.....	.....	60	...	2	35	100	...	*	...
Henry River	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	6814	31302	1614	.....	...	*	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hildebran View	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2000	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Icard	James Snypes, Icard	20	12	14	30	34	42	5000	50000	9600	.....	...	*	2	35	...	...	...	...
Mt. Gilead	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Hebron	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	5000	20000	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Vernon	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	10000	30000	.....	10%	60	...	1	20	...	...	...	...
Mt. Zion	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	4000	.....	.....	...	*	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mull's Chapel	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	30000	5863	.....	60	...	...	...	...	*	...	...
Olive Grove	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	8000	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oak Ridge	T. S. Anderson, Connelly Springs, R2	18	11	20	24	38	35	.....	18375	.....	.....	60	...	2	20	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	5000	.....	.....	...	...	2	40	...	...	...	...
Philadelphia	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	3500	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pisgah	Robert Beam, Casar, R1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8000	25000	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shoupe's Grove	Henry Brittian, Icard	27	12	...	...	27	12	6000	22000	8962	540	...	...	2	35	...	...	*	...
Smart's Grove	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	5000	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Fork	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4000	10000	.....	.....	60	...	1	20	...	...	...	...
St. John's	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	5000	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	Delbert Walker, Fallston	18	1	22	1	40	2	.....	32000	4613	.....	...	...	2	60	...	*	...	...
Walker's Chapel	Everette Lowman, Morganton, R4	12	11	...	...	12	11	.....	8000	.....	.....	...	...	1	17	...	...	*	...
Wilkie's Grove	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	24000	4900	.....	...	...	1	20	...	...	*	...
Zion Hill	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	30000	.....	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Zoar	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	15000	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	....	136	61	93	103	229	164	69814	588451	57723	4	360	6	30	418	100	4	3	1

Table F & G — CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Churches	S. A. Carswell, Associational Treasurer Icard Treasurers and Addresses	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Abee's Chapel	Ulen Lowman, Valdese	4457	390	117	.....	94	139	270	.....	554	1565	1300	2865
Berea	Earl Church, Connelly Spgs., R1	4548	120	134	.....	291	....	186	.....	754	1486	2340	3826
Bethany	Jones Abernathy, Hildebran	20000	919	1425	2040	1174	285	285	6507	....	12438	4645	17283
Beulah	E. A. Rudisill, 1st Ave. S. E., Hickory	3137	120	62	.....	104	95	174	.....	382	939	1623	2563
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. R. Poteat, Morganton, R4	1795	36	42	400	63	36	87	200	134	731	451	1415
Connelly Springs	Mrs. Daisy Lester, Connelly Spgs., R2	8467	240	509	7279	566	75	340	2099	419	11289	3445	14734
Corinth	C. S. Botts, Casar, R1	1632	....	443	.....	117	....	174	.....	168	964	667	1632
Drowning Creek	Frank Barnes, Hickory, R5	3271	....	....	360	208	60	91	18	875	1614	1590	3204
Henry River	Clinton Lowman, Hickory, R4	6423	260	268	.....	245	74	295	900	557	2601	3155	5756
Hildebran View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Icard	Julia Carswell, Icard	12089	728	353	80	424	87	225	2160	1017	5075	3900	8975
Mt. Gilead	Mrs. Buna Lane, Connelly Spgs., R1	.....	.....	....	4000	25	....	20	.....	....	4045	266	4311
Mt. Hebron	Harold Abernathy, Hickory, R4	.....	240	190	10	250	125	....	1200	200	2215	1560	3775
Mt. Vernon	Paul R. Leatherman, Vale, R2	6044	271	107	153	270	75	251	.....	710	1838	2790	4628
Mt. Zion	Glenn Parker, Casar	1486	120	212	.....	98	....	110	.....	18	558	600	1158
Mull's Chapel	A. C. Peeler, Hickory, R4	1243	....	288	11429	118	80	280	660	....	12755	1040	13795
Olive Grove	Cleveland Crotts, Casar, R1	1677	96	39	.....	109	132	205	.....	94	676	960	1636
Oak Ridge	Wilma Anderson, Connelly Spgs., R2	8431	364	142	138	351	89	295	.....	1033	2415	3120	5427
Pleasant Grove	James Martin, Connelly Springs, R1	1523	168	101	.....	64	....	153	.....	163	651	650	1301
Philadelphia	Billie E. Lowman, Connelly Spgs., R1	.....	....	226	.....	24	35	190	85	31	603	137	730
Pisgah	Mrs. Nell Canipe, Casar, R1	7924	262	83	4335	166	110	325	.....	381	5663	1243	7206
Shoupe's Grove	J. Adison Berry, Icard	5485	170	417	.....	278	268	170	1470	356	3130	2155	5286
Smart's Grove	Mrs. Belle Lail, Connelly Spgs., R1	2542	....	57	290	9	....	369	.....	335	1062	1200	2262
South Fork	Mrs. Rosalie Greenhill, Hickory, R4	3570	144	155	.....	122	209	333	.....	208	1173	1680	2853
St. John's	Glenn Hoyle, Connelly Springs, R1	2744	318	299	.....	80	....	429	.....	421	1550	957	2507
St. Paul	Delbert Walker, Fallston	6616	....	235	2621	289	605	206	1386	243	5588	1440	7029
Walker's Chapel	Milas Carswell, Morganton, R4	2705	60	320	.....	123	199	566	.....	....	1272	1230	2502
Wilkie's Grove	Earl Wright, Hickory, R4	.....	105	190	4950	92	....	105	.....	137	5581	846	6428
Zion Hill	Mrs. Frank Hicks, Lawndale, R3	4168	216	188	.....	227	.....	250	.....	....	881	1310	2191
Zoar	D. W. Chapman, Casar	.....	.....	292	.....	65	74	160	434	....	1026	360	2400
Total	....	121977	5347	6894	38085	5757	2852	6544	17119	9190	91384	45660	139678

Table H & I — GIFTS FOR MISSIONS, ETC.

Churches	Paul Crotts, Associational Missionary Rt. 3, Lawndale Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief And Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures
Abee's Chapel	Delkie Mourglea, Jr., Connelly Spgs., R1	...	...	...	38	38	...	92	73	58	301	3167
Berea	Paul Robinson, Connelly Springs, R1..	377	...	10	...	24	...	20	6	8	446	4273
Bethany	Miss Mary F. Eggers, Hildebran	1651	60	295	246	302	74	158	153	160	3101	20384
Beulah	Mrs. Fletcher Leatherman, Vale, R2..	....	25	21	75	38	...	22	11	....	97	2832
Carswell Memorial	Mrs. C. V. Moore, Morganton, R4	45	30	..	...	...	...	36	20	....	131	1546
Connelly Springs	Mrs. H. D. Smith, Rutherford College..	233	...	32	15	175	...	58	46	40	602	15336
Corinth	H. G. McNeilly, Casar, R1	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	37	30	92	1725
Drowning Creek	Mrs. Ralph L. Settlemyre, Rhodhiss	....	....	9	10	19	...	....	31	....	70	3274
Henry River	Mrs. Margaret Smith, Henry River	....	....	6	19	8	...	21	15	180	251	6007
Hildebran View	Aleen Brittian, Connelly Springs, R1..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	485
Icard	S. A. Carswell, Icard	859	170	50	51	113	36	19	74	89	1464	9439
Mt. Gilead	Clara McNeilly, Connelly Springs	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	15	4326
Mt. Hebron	Mrs. Peggy Taylor, Connelly Spgs., R1	100	60	25	....	....	....	24	33	83	325	4100
Mt. Vernon	Miss Lucille Upton, Vale, R2	566	25	25	28	84	...	42	45	....	817	5445
Mt. Zion	Glenn Parker, Casar	60	...	10	...	...	...	91	10	41	223	1381
Mull's Chapel	Miss Mavin Hudson, Vale, R3	....	45	23	10	...	...	70	50	5	203	13795
Olive Grove	Charlie Crotts, Casar, R1	....	....	7	7	....	....	....	26	....	41	1677
Oak Ridge	Mrs. Lucille Gross, Connelly Spgs., R2	358	45	....	....	15	...	103	112	224	857	6285
Pleasant Grove	Miss A. R. Hoyle, Connelly Spgs., R1..	....	....	17	....	....	....	10	27	....	54	1355
Philadelphia	Sallie Reep, Connelly Springs, R1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	730
Pisgah	Clarence Parker, Casar, R1	40	65	....	....	....	....	134	40	....	279	7486
Shoupe's Grove	Miss V. A. Seagle, Connelly Spgs., R2..	12	....	....	....	31	....	12	....	....	55	5342
Smart's Grove	Flora Lail, Morganton, R4	....	....	....	....	....	32	15	50	182	279	5542
South Fork	Mrs. Bonnie Wycoff, Hickory, R4	....	60	....	25	36	....	60	22	17	221	3074
St. John's	Miss Lillie Huffman, Connelly Spgs., R1	....	....	22	....	21	....	55	82	....	181	2689
St. Paul	R. A. Brackett, Casar, R1	....	60	5	41	41	....	110	113	225	696	7725
Walker's Chapel	Dora Cook, Valdese, R1	....	....	16	....	4	....	162	14	5	203	2705
Wilkie's Grove	Joseph Burns, Connelly Springs, R2	....	....	....	32	....	....	50	66	43	192	6610
Zion Hill	Fred A. Sain, Vale, R3	72	60	16	18	18	....	35	28	79	329	2521
Zoar	Everette Costner, Casar	....	10	10	10	7	....	5	10	10	62	2462
Total	....	4378	715	599	625	974	142	1428	1204	1479	11587	153718